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## ERRATA

- p. l, l. 15 — *for Humby read Hamby.*  
 p. lxxxv, l. 17 — *for Richard read Robert.*  
     l. 19 — *for Richard's read Robert's.*  
 p. xevi, l. 13 — *for Robert son of William read Robert son of Walter.*  
 p. cvi, note 7, l. 1 — *for Wrawby near Brigg read Wragby.*  
 p. cxxxix, ll. 14, 15 — *for parchment maker read tailor.*  
 p. 3, no. 3, l. 6 — *for Fulnetby read Fulleby.*  
 p. 20, no. 28, l. 2 — *for Fulnetby read Fulleby.*  
 p. 37, no. 56, l. 4 — *for Oxcombe read Oxcombe.*  
 p. 47, no. 72, l. 1 — *for Mathew read Matthew.*  
 p. 48, no. 73, l. 2 — *for Mathew read Matthew.*  
 p. 73, no. 113, ll. 2 and 3 — *for Walter son of Leviat read Walter son of William son of Leviat.*  
 p. 73, no. 114, l. 2 — *for Mathew read Matthew.*  
 p. 128, no. 186, l. 5 from foot — *for Brueria read Brunna.*  
 p. 135, no. 193, l. 4 from foot — *for conuersario read conuersario.*  
 pp. 142-3, no. 205 — A large volume, compiled in 1641-3, for Sir Christopher Hatton, and now in the possession of the Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham, contains a facsimile (no. 425) of this charter, made before it was damaged. The facsimile confirms the conjectural emendations enclosed in brackets in the text, adds *Lincolne* after *comitis* in l. 4 on p. 143, and supplies *Mol'* as the missing name in l. 9 on p. 143, and *mee* as the missing word in l. 10. It also shows seven chevrons in the seal, and supplies the legend :  
     AELICIE . . . . COMITIS GILLEBER.  
 p. 146, no. 212, l. 3 — *for Hugh's read Walter's.*  
 p. 189, no. 253, l. 16 — *for mihim et ipsi read mihimet ipsi.*  
 p. 191, no. 256, l. 5 from foot — *for Ailline read Ailliue.*  
 p. 194, no. 260, l. 9 — *for Randulfi Baldewini read Randulfi filii Baldewini.*  
 p. 235, no. 313, l. 3 — *after Ulceby add and Brocklesby.*  
 p. 252, no. 337, l. 4 — *for Eaton read Ecton.*  
 p. 255, no. 341, l. 2 — *for wife read life.*  
     penultimate l. — *for Over read Oval.*  
 p. 265, no. 353, l. 12 — *for nouerit read mouerit.*  
 p. 279, l. 3 — *for abbey read priory.*  
 p. 300, l. 15 — *for Bodelian read Bodleian.*  
 p. 304, no. 410, l. 1 — *omit Hugh.*  
 p. 315, no. 426, l. 2 — *for Cuckwold read Cuxwold.*  
 p. 317, no. 428, penultimate l. — *for libertalibus read libertatibus.*  
 p. 320, no. 433, l. 3 — *for Donnington read Donington.*  
 p. 350, no. 478, l. 2 — *for Mathew read Matthew.*  
 p. 402, s.v. Addlecroft — *add to references xli.*  
 p. 408, s.v. Armentieres *for Armentieres read Armentières.*  
 p. 410, s.v. Bardney, abbey, abbot of — *omit Richard.*  
 p. 423, s.v. Cauz — *for Cauz read Caux.*  
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 p. 432, s.v. Emma — *add wife of Jordan the dean, 53.*  
 p. 435, s.v. Fougères — *for Fougères read Fougères.*  
 p. 443, s.v. Habrough, col. 2, last l. — *before 196 add 193.*  
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# INTRODUCTION

## I

THE contrast revealed by Domesday between the social order of the Danelaw and that of the south and west of England governs the interpretation of all the later phases of early English history. It is true that many different forms of agrarian economy diversify the great region which in the twelfth century was known as the Danelaw.<sup>1</sup> The forces which produced the general disintegration of tenements already accomplished in East Anglia in the eleventh century must have been operating for a long time. Between the Welland and the Thames, as also in Essex, changes had taken place since the Conquest which mask the ancient tenurial organization of this region.<sup>2</sup> The continuity of the agrarian life of Yorkshire was broken by the devastation of 1069; the remarkable features which distinguish the society of the north in the twelfth century cannot be regarded as an inevitable development of the conditions of King Edward's day. It is in the shires between the Yorkshire border and the Welland, the ancient territory of the Five Boroughs, that a social system which may be referred in essentials to the Scandinavian settlement of the ninth century has been least affected by the shock of the Norman Conquest or the obscurer processes of internal change.

Behind the society which is revealed for a moment by the Domesday survey of the northern Danelaw there lie two centuries of darkness. It is improbable that evidence as yet unknown will ever permit the reconstruction of the history of this region between the age of Alfred and the age of the Conqueror.<sup>3</sup> The history of the century which follows Domesday

<sup>1</sup> The different meanings borne by the term Denalagu are discussed most fully by Liebermann, *Die Gesetze der Angelsachsen*, ii. 347-8.

<sup>2</sup> The evidence for the depression of the independent peasantry of this region is illustrated by Vinogradoff, *English Society in the Eleventh Century*, 424-6, 442-3.

<sup>3</sup> In 1910 I discussed most of the few pre-Conquest documents relating to this part of England in *Types of Manorial Structure in the Northern Danelaw*, 71-88. Four years later, new texts of five Yorkshire and two Nottinghamshire land-books were published by Dr. Farrer with a reconstruction of corrupt boundary

is at present hardly less obscure, but its obscurity need not remain impenetrable. The social condition of Yorkshire and Lancashire in the early Angevin age is already becoming apparent in the texts whose publication we owe to the generosity and enterprise of Dr. Farrer.<sup>1</sup> Many Yorkshire cartularies have also been printed, many hundreds of Yorkshire charters have been described in abstract. But the history of the region between Yorkshire and the Welland, the five shires of Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, and Rutland, is at present very imperfectly illustrated by published material. Fundamental questions affecting the society of this region in the twelfth century remain unanswered for mere lack of printed evidence. And the terminology of the Domesday description of these shires is so interesting as to invite, somewhat urgently, that confirmation which only twelfth-century texts can supply.

The twelfth-century texts which relate to this region are remarkable both for their number and their variety. Much has been lost, but most of the numerous religious houses established in this quarter during the century after the Conquest are still represented by at least a few original twelfth-century charters apiece. Cartularies, again, are numerous, but no single cartulary is entitled by its contents to stand for the whole of this region. There are sections of the Kirkstead cartulary<sup>2</sup> which cannot have been written after the earliest years of John's reign, but the area with which they deal is by no means large, and many of the most interesting documents contained in the manuscript are still extant in their original texts. The same may be said of the *Registrum Antiquissimum* of Lincoln Cathedral, which comes from the third decade of the thirteenth century, and is one of the most accurate of English cartularies. The value of the remaining cartularies of this region,<sup>3</sup> with rare exceptions, is lessened by the omission or curtailment of attestation clauses. It is by their merits as collections of charters

clauses and notes by Mr. W. H. Stevenson (*Early Yorkshire Charters*, i). In 1912 the latter scholar printed a group of surveys of archiepiscopal estates in Yorkshire, which give definite information as to the pre-Conquest distribution of land within the large manors characteristic of the north (*English Historical Review*, xxvii. 1-25).

<sup>1</sup> The volumes of *Early Yorkshire Charters*, of which three have now appeared, represent the first attempt which has hitherto been made to bring together all the twelfth-century charter evidence relating to a single English county.

<sup>2</sup> Cott. Vesp. E. xviii.

<sup>3</sup> A list of these manuscripts is included in the very useful index of cartularies and similar records contained in the *Guide to the Victoria History of the Counties of England*.



that all these manuscripts must be judged. Extents and surveys were rarely inserted in any cartulary that was written within the northern Danelaw.<sup>1</sup> No monastery in these shires is known to have produced any record of this class comparable with the great twelfth-century surveys which come from Peterborough or Burton-on-Trent, or those which still await publication in the ill-written Register of Shaftesbury.

But the defects to be observed in most of the cartularies of this region are more than compensated by the hundreds of original charters which are still extant. There is a great and not always explicable difference between the number of original twelfth-century charters which remain to illustrate the economy of the several English counties. The life of the south and most of the west of England in this age is only illustrated by sporadic groups of contemporary texts; the original charters which relate to Northamptonshire or Warwickshire are sufficiently numerous to give in themselves a general impression of social conditions. The distribution of the original charters which relate to the five counties of the northern Danelaw is irregular. Few have been preserved, few should be expected, to throw light upon conditions in Rutland. From Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, and Derbyshire, there has been preserved a body of texts which cover, not inadequately, the greater part of these shires. But the original Lincolnshire charters of this age form a series unique for volume and variety, and in particular they permit the eastern half of that county to be known with a fullness of detail which is unattainable in relation to any other part of England.

Many of these charters have already been printed, but they are dispersed in scattered collections, and it is very difficult to make a complete list of them. The attempt has indeed been made to collect the original twelfth-century charters which relate to Derbyshire. In 1906 there was published a descriptive catalogue of Derbyshire charters by Mr. I. H. Jeayes of the British Museum, which included fifty-six original texts.<sup>2</sup> No one has yet undertaken a similar work for any other county in this region. The most interesting charter material that is

<sup>1</sup> The twelfth-century Feodary of the Templars, of which a considerable portion relates to Lincolnshire, is included among the texts to be published in the present series.

<sup>2</sup> This volume does not include the Derbyshire charters in the possession of the Dukes of Devonshire and Rutland. Most of the twelfth-century charters printed in the book are preserved in the British Museum.

at present available for Lincolnshire history is contained in the series of Sempringham charters published by the late Major Poynton in the *Genealogist* for 1899 and 1900.<sup>1</sup> Among small collections, the volume of *Ancient Charters*, edited by Mr. Round for the Pipe Roll Society in 1888, includes original charters of William II and Stephen relating to Lincolnshire (Nos. 1, 23), a charter of John de Aincurt relating to Granby in Nottinghamshire (No. 43), and a confirmation of liberties by Earl Conan of Brittany to the men of Gayton Soke (No. 33). The report of the Associated Architectural Societies for 1854 includes a facsimile and transcription of three twelfth-century charters and one thirteenth-century charter from Gokewell priory in Lincolnshire. Three original Lincolnshire charters of the twelfth century were printed to illustrate the article on the earldom of Lincoln in the *Topographer and Genealogist* (i. 387-9). Charters from the northern Danelaw are included in many of the private collections which form the subject of reports by the Historical Manuscripts Commission. The report on Lord Middleton's manuscripts contains an edition of twenty-four original twelfth-century charters relating to Nottinghamshire, four relating to Lincolnshire, and one to Derbyshire. The great collection at Belvoir castle, which is described in the fourth volume of the report upon the Duke of Rutland's manuscripts, includes original charters from the monasteries of Garendon, Belvoir, Darley, and Sempringham. Among the charters which are printed in full are eleven which relate to north-east Leicestershire, four referring to the villages of Denton and Aubourne in Lincolnshire, four relating to Aldwark and an equal number to Crich in Derbyshire, and one recording a grant to Sempringham priory of land at Wingerworth in the latter county. Three charters relating to Great Steeping in Lincolnshire occur in the report on the manuscripts of Lord Ancaster (*Thirteenth Report*, part 6). The reports upon the manuscripts of Mr. H. C. Staunton and Mr. F. Merttens contain respectively one twelfth-century charter relating to Kilvington in Nottinghamshire and two charters relating to Arnesby in Leicestershire (*Reports on Various Collections*, vol. vii, pp. 365, 377). Other

<sup>1</sup> New Series, vols. xv, xvi. The original charters in this publication were introduced to supplement the texts exemplified in the King's Remembrancer's Roll for 12 Henry IV which Major Poynton printed in full, collating it with the original charters when they were available. In such cases he never printed the text of the originals separately, and his collations were not quite exhaustive. In particular, he took no record of the punctuation of the originals.



charters of this age are included in earlier collections. The new edition of the *Monasticon* contains a considerable number;<sup>1</sup> references to most of them are appended to the sections which introduce the different series in the present book. Only six charters which are certainly of the twelfth century and relate to this region are included in the great *Formulare* of Thomas Madox.<sup>2</sup> The collections of the Augmentation Office, from which Madox derived the greater number of his texts, were not rich in early charters from this part of England. Three original Lincolnshire charters were printed by Gale in the *Register of the Honour of Richmond*.<sup>3</sup>

The present volume is intended to contain the unpublished twelfth-century charters relating to the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, and Rutland, preserved in the British Museum and in those collections at the Public Record Office to which a calendar has been prepared.<sup>4</sup> The charters are here arranged according to their ultimate provenance, but a table at the end of this introduction indicates the different collections from which the individual texts are derived.<sup>5</sup> More

<sup>1</sup> The editors of this work have often printed cartulary copies when original charters were available, and their texts are not trustworthy. The *Monasticon*, for example, is useless for work which depends on an accurate reproduction of the personal names occurring in charters.

<sup>2</sup> No. 93, Confirmation by Geoffrey of Thorpe to Ralf his brother of a carucate of their father's gift in Twyford, co. Leicester. After printing the names of three witnesses Madox inserts the exasperating note 'there are Thirty others named'. No. 221, Demise by Hugh son of Nicholas of Swinford to Henry of Lilbourne of four and a half virgates at Swinford, co. Leicester, dated 1193. No. 258, Description of the eight acres, apparently in Thurlby near Bourne, co. Lincoln, given in exchange by Geoffrey son of Leofric of Bourne to the priory of St. Michael, Stamford. No. 423, Grant by Roger de Molbray to Welford abbey of a fishery in the Trent and land and meadow near Wildsworth, co. Lincoln. No. 424, Grant by Philip of Kyme to Belvoir priory of the right of cutting turves in Kyme marsh, co. Lincoln. No. 502, Precept by Henry de Ri addressed to William the clerk and a reeve whose name is lost that they cause the monks of Belvoir to hold their land in Laughton near Bourne and their tithe in Aslackby as Robert de Toeni, Henry's grandfather granted these things to them.

<sup>3</sup> pp. 103, 104, 269. These charters would otherwise have been printed in the Kirkstead series below.

<sup>4</sup> The twelfth-century Derbyshire charters which have already been published in *Derbyshire Charters*, ed. Jeayes, have, of course, not been repeated here. The only texts relating to this county printed in this book are Nos. 454 and 494.

<sup>5</sup> The large collection of charters at the Bodleian Library includes few twelfth-century documents relating to this part of England. Nos. 186, 301, and 451 have been derived from this source. Among Dodsworth's transcripts in the same library are copies of two charters derived from the muniments of Newhouse abbey, of which the originals have disappeared. These copies are printed here among the original charters of the Newhouse series, Nos. 297 and 313.

than three-fifths of them, mostly relating to the land of four Lincolnshire monasteries, are included in the great Harleian series at the British Museum. The greater number of the charters derived from the Public Record Office are preserved among the records of the Duchy of Lancaster. In dealing with each collection it has often been difficult to decide whether a given charter belongs to the late twelfth or the early thirteenth century. The evidence of handwriting is rarely conclusive upon this point.<sup>1</sup> The diplomatic study of private charters has not yet made it possible to assign precise limits of date to individual formulas. Many charters were executed and attested by men of humble condition whose names are of no value for chronology. In such cases the argument from formulas has proved of more value than the argument from handwriting. It may be hoped that the thirteenth-century charters which may have been included in this book form a very minute proportion of the whole number of texts printed there.

It would have been easy to produce a volume of more sustained interest by combining a selection of original charters with some of the cartulary texts which are of exceptional value for the study of terminology. But the value of such a collection would be narrowly limited. The essential preliminary to any definite knowledge of the development of common form is the analysis of many hundreds of original texts, irrespective of their subject-matter. The present book will at least supply material for such an analysis. It is also permissible to draw negative conclusions from a complete series of the original charters preserved in two great public collections; they can never be drawn from a mere body of selected texts. Moreover, a series of charters chosen for their individual interest would give a very untrue impression of the sort of work put out by clerks in the late twelfth century. The development of legal procedure in the reign of Henry II reacted upon contemporary draftsmanship. It tended to repress the eccentric individuality of the draftsman into submission to rules recognized by the king's justices. The eccentric charter is welcomed by the modern student, but it does not represent the standard to which most clerks had come to conform long before the twelfth century had closed.

A collection of original charters has obvious disadvantages as material for social history. For one thing, it is bound to be

<sup>1</sup> No. 449, for example, is written in a hand of a much earlier type than No. 450, but the two documents must be almost contemporary.



fragmentary. Too often an isolated charter is all that remains as evidence of a transaction which must have required the issue of many documents. It is never well in difficult cases to argue at all closely from the wording of a single charter without remembering that a different interpretation might perhaps have been suggested by other texts which have not survived. On the other hand, a considerable body of charters written within the last sixty years of the twelfth century and all relating to the same part of England ought to permit some generalization about contemporary social conditions in that region. It should also supply facts which bear upon the problems of an earlier age. The student of Domesday is continually perplexed by the question whether the terminology of that record is accurately representative of common usage. The answer must be sought in the charters of the twelfth century. It will not be simple, for the conditions of rural society have been infinitely diverse, and Domesday formulas are stereotyped. Moreover charters, and especially those of the twelfth century, sometimes illustrate the history of an age which was already remote when Domesday itself was compiled. The earlier of them are full of the names of men and women of Anglo-Scandinavian ancestry, who appear as witnesses, landholders, or tenants. The high proportion of the Scandinavian element in this nomenclature should be taken into account in any estimate of the significance of the Danish settlement of the ninth century. In the rest of this introduction the charters which follow are treated as material relevant to these and similar questions. Nothing has been said of their value for the feudal history of the Danelaw. It may be hoped that they will be useful to those who wish to trace the descent of fees in the period between Domesday and the feodaries of the thirteenth century. But they are offered here as illustrations of social history, and in particular of the history of a society which presented in the early Angevin age distinctive features of the highest interest.

## II

THE normal unit of tenure in this region is the bovaté.<sup>1</sup> The great body of the individual holdings recorded in the texts which follow vary between half a bovaté and two bovatés. They are planned, that is, on the same general scale as the

<sup>1</sup> In Leicestershire the bovaté is generally replaced by the virgate. See below p. xxvi.

villein tenancies of the south. There is much in the Domesday description of the Danelaw shires to suggest that the average holding was small; <sup>1</sup> there is nothing in the texts which follow to imply that so considerable a tenement as the carucate had ever been common among the peasant population. The largest holding assigned in these charters to any tenant of the peasant class is the seven bovates of a certain Grim in Orford, of which Newhouse abbey obtained possession.<sup>2</sup> It is true that gifts are made from time to time in terms of the carucate. Henry II and the Count Geoffrey his son severally confirm to Kirkstead abbey two and a half carucates in Gayton le Wold given in alms by Earl Conan of Richmond, together with a further half carucate granted by the same earl at a yearly rent of twenty shillings.<sup>3</sup> But the charters relating to this estate were certainly not composed by local clerks, and they prove nothing as to local terminology.<sup>4</sup> The local draftsman will generally avoid the word carucate even when he is describing a very considerable property. Earl Gilbert of Lincoln, by a charter which has been long in print, grants to Herbert son of Adelard twenty-nine bovates in Fenton and the eight bovates of his demesne there, together with sixteen bovates in Walcot by Folkingham.<sup>5</sup> The land in Scampton which Ralf son of Gilbert gave to Kirkstead abbey is described by the Countess Alice of Northampton as Ralf's whole demesne and twenty-six bovates.<sup>6</sup> Such evasions suggest that clerks did not think in carucates. It is, therefore, remarkable that one charter in this collection incidentally reveals the word by which the carucate was known in common speech. Earl Rannulf II of Chester in referring to the land of Spileman, his chamberlain, describes it as one ploxland.<sup>7</sup> The word stands for an OE. *plogslanð*, recorded in Yorkshire in the eleventh century.<sup>8</sup> It is a Scandinavian formation to denote the amount of land which could be tilled by one plough team, and it is undoubtedly the native term which lies behind the *carucata* of Domesday and later mediaeval texts.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Types of Manorial Structure in the Northern Danelaw*, 48.

<sup>2</sup> No. 240.

<sup>3</sup> Nos. 163, 164.

<sup>4</sup> The two and a half carucates of this estate were originally granted to the abbey of Begar by Count Alan of Brittany, and transferred to Kirkstead in the way indicated in Nos. 161, 162.

<sup>5</sup> *The Topographer and Genealogist*, i. 317.

<sup>6</sup> No. 205.

<sup>7</sup> No. 496.

<sup>8</sup> *English Historical Review*, xxvii. 21.

<sup>9</sup> The fundamental character of the bovaté is demonstrated very clearly in a charter of the early thirteenth century by which Hugh de Strattun confirms



The recurrence of the bovatē in the charters which follow distinguishes them from contemporary documents relating to Yorkshire, where tenements were large, and is in still more striking contrast with the East Anglian evidence, in which there seems to be no normal tenement of any kind, and holdings are set out in casual numbers of acres. But it should not be inferred that shares in the village fields of the twelfth-century Danelaw were rigorously distributed in bovates among the peasant population. Upon this question the charters which follow give information which is especially valuable in view of the rarity of early and detailed extents relating to the Danelaw. The common practice by which a donor would express his gift in terms of the bovatē and identify it by stating its holder's name means that we know the nominal area of a large number of tenements in this region. This evidence is not, indeed, quite free from ambiguity. When Robert of Well is stated to have given to William Ruffus his kinsman a bovatē in Well which Walter the Fleming held,<sup>1</sup> we do not obtain an explicit statement that the bovatē in question comprised the whole of Walter's tenement. We are, however, entitled to argue that if Walter held more than one bovatē of Robert in Well the charter would fail to identify the holding which it conveyed, and the argument is strengthened by the frequent use of more precise formulas. It is, for example, evident that a full tenement is described in the charter by which Ralf of Hereford granted to Henry de Weldebof two bovates at Eakring in Nottinghamshire, *videlicet illas que*

to Abraham son of Norman a bovatē in Wrangle, *scilicet illam maunesloc (sic) quam Alnadius filius Leuerun tenuit* (Add. MS. 24111, p. 26 b). For *maunesloc* we may certainly read *manneslot*, the portion of land which falls to a man, which a man should have. This explicit equation between the manslot and the bovatē justifies the inference which has been drawn from the constant recurrence of the bovatē in these texts. The word *manslot* occurs again in a transcript of a charter of approximately 1160, printed below, which speaks of the *mansura* in Killingholme which was Arnwi's and the land which is called manesloth (No. 297). The late thirteenth-century cartulary of Nun Cotham supplies a third reference to the manslot, relating, as it happens, to the same village of Killingholme, and coming from the late twelfth century. *Notum sit . . . me . . . dedisse . . . duas bouatas terre in Kihuingholm . . . et illam mansuram quam Robertus gener Asford tenuit . . . et unam terram in eadem uilla que uocatur manneslot* (Bodleian Library, Top. Linc. d 1, f. 33 b). In each of the two last cases the context is against the identity of the manslot with the bovatē, nor are we given any definition of the former term. But the Wrangle case is enough by itself to establish a connexion between the mediaeval bovatē and the Old English conception of share land. On manslot and tenmanland, see *English Society in the Eleventh Century*, 280, 281.

<sup>1</sup> No. 487.

*fuert Rainaldi filii Wiot de Cratela*.<sup>1</sup> In any case, the details to be obtained in this way may be accepted as giving in bovates the minimum extent of a considerable number of twelfth-century holdings.<sup>2</sup>

They certainly give the impression that although the bovaté may have been the normal tenement in the twelfth century, departures from this mean were very frequent and might well be considerable. If we take note only of the twelfth-century evidence concerning the holdings of men whose native descent is proved by the names which they bore, we can soon compile a long list of irregular tenements. At its head will stand the seven bovates of Grim in Orford,<sup>3</sup> the six bovates and a half held by Audenker in Keal,<sup>4</sup> the half carucates of William son of Tosti in Killingholme,<sup>5</sup> and Elwin the priest in East Halton.<sup>6</sup> It may be continued to include the three bovates and a half of Lewin Russel in Kelstern,<sup>7</sup> the three bovates of Waltheof in North Thoresby,<sup>8</sup> and of Ralf son of Grim in Barton on Humber,<sup>9</sup> the two bovates and a half held by Ailwin Neht of Philip of Kyme in Ingham,<sup>10</sup> the two bovates of Hagthe Falding and Oudhen in Killingholme,<sup>11</sup> of Turgis in Sotby,<sup>12</sup> of Wulfrie of Kirby Green in Scopwick,<sup>13</sup> of Wolmar son of Godward in Eresby,<sup>14</sup> and of Teodbald in Welton le Marsh and Sloothby,<sup>15</sup> the similar tenements of Ulfketel, Robert son of Frani, and Ralf son of Osmund in Willoughby on the Wolds in Nottinghamshire,<sup>16</sup> and of Huviet the clerk in Bradbourne in Derbyshire,<sup>17</sup> the bovaté and a half of Herbert Scakel in Eakring in Nottinghamshire.<sup>18</sup> The list should include the three bovates and a *cultura* in Scampton which the abbot of Kirkstead granted to Robert son of Thomas, for we happen to know that this tenement had formerly been held by Thomas son of Wigot, Robert's father,<sup>19</sup> and it should be supplemented by a reference

<sup>1</sup> No. 354.

<sup>2</sup> External evidence is rarely to be obtained upon this point, but twelfth-century holdings can sometimes be identified in later records. Apparently in the last years of Henry II William of Hereford gave to Rufford abbey the bovaté and a half of Herbert Scakel in Eakring (No. 353). Early in the reign of Henry III, Alviva and Christiana, Herbert's daughters, severally release to the abbey their right in their father's land, namely a bovaté and a half (Harl. Chart. 84 A, 28 and 30).

<sup>3</sup> No. 240.    <sup>4</sup> No. 518.    <sup>5</sup> No. 427.    <sup>6</sup> No. 474.    <sup>7</sup> No. 475.

<sup>8</sup> No. 534.    <sup>9</sup> No. 473.    <sup>10</sup> No. 59.    <sup>11</sup> Nos. 296, 297.    <sup>12</sup> No. 60.

<sup>13</sup> No. 440.    <sup>14</sup> No. 528.    <sup>15</sup> No. 489.    <sup>16</sup> Nos. 417, 418.    <sup>17</sup> No. 454.

<sup>18</sup> No. 353. See above, note 2.

<sup>19</sup> No. 215. Compare *The Topographer and Genealogist*, i. 319 (Harl. Chart. 55 E, 13).



to the six bovates assigned to Pugning and Gervase in Killingholme,<sup>1</sup> the three bovates *de terra rusticorum* which Roger and Asford held in the same place,<sup>2</sup> and the two and a half bovates of Hugh and Swava in Holme and Beckingham.<sup>3</sup> Without any reference to cartulary texts there is good evidence of the twelfth-century distribution of land in holdings which might be out of all relation to the bovaté average.<sup>4</sup>

Another and a longer list could be compiled with equal ease to show men of the peasant class in occupation of bovates and half bovates. Single bovates are assigned in these texts to Wigot in Buckland,<sup>5</sup> to Lundi in Martin by Timberland,<sup>6</sup> to Walter son of Meruen in Anderby,<sup>7</sup> to Ouke in Friskney,<sup>8</sup> to Hucche Purs in Ulceby,<sup>9</sup> to Lefwin in Gayton le Wold,<sup>10</sup> to Arnulf, Gode, and Edric severally, at Habrough.<sup>11</sup> The half bovaté of Rodulf son of Ketel is recorded at Croxby,<sup>12</sup> that of Godric Guhc at Thoresway,<sup>13</sup> at Skegness a bovaté was divided between Walter Bogris and Agemund,<sup>14</sup> at Humberstone a bovaté is assigned to Thurgot and half a bovaté to Reginald son of Milda,<sup>15</sup> at Cadwell near Tathwell Gille and Nicholas held two bovates between them,<sup>16</sup> of two bovates at Kelfield in Axholme we are told that Haldan held one, Godric and Wibald his son the other.<sup>17</sup> With the exception of the Axholme bovates these tenements all lie in the eastern half of Lincolnshire, but they may fairly be taken as representative of general conditions in the Danelaw, Leicestershire apart.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>1</sup> No. 295.

<sup>2</sup> No. 290.

<sup>3</sup> No. 357.

<sup>4</sup> Among the printed charters relating to this region an early grant to Sempringham priory records the bovaté and a half which Wigot held of the honour of Belvoir in Kirkby Underwood (Add. Chart. 20868). Near the beginning of Henry II's reign Ralf son of Gilbert speaks of the three bovates which Tainca held in Great Steeping (Hist. MSS. Comm., Thirteenth Report, Part vi). The two bovates which Hamund held in Wrawby are mentioned in a charter of approximately 1200 (abstract in Hist. MSS. Comm., *Rutland Report*, iv. 65). In two of the unpublished charters in the possession of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln Bishop Robert refers to the *mansio* with four bovates which Ulf in old time held in Nettleham and the *mansura* and four bovates held by Richard son of Suan the reeve of Nettleham in the same place (D. and C. Linc. D. ii. 84/2. 13, 84/2. 1). It may be considered certain that all the men whose tenements have been cited here or in the text belonged to the old, native, peasant stock of this region.

<sup>5</sup> No. 200.

<sup>6</sup> No. 184.

<sup>7</sup> No. 138.

<sup>8</sup> No. 498.

<sup>9</sup> No. 305.

<sup>10</sup> No. 166.

<sup>11</sup> Nos. 272, 274.

<sup>12</sup> No. 240.

<sup>13</sup> No. 475.

<sup>14</sup> No. 100.

<sup>15</sup> No. 476.

<sup>16</sup> No. 478.

<sup>17</sup> No. 393.

<sup>18</sup> From the rather meagre evidence that is available a two-bovaté tenement would seem to have been common in Nottinghamshire. Five holdings of this size are recorded in the charters published in the *Wollaton Report* by the Hist. MSS. Comm. Various passages quoted by Thoroton in his *History of Nottinghamshire*

There is little evidence as to the size of holdings in the west of this region in the twelfth century, but in Nottinghamshire bovates are assigned to Ougrim at Rufford,<sup>1</sup> and to Henry son of Sunnive at Willoughby on the Wolds.<sup>2</sup> The abnormal economy developed in the Marsh villages of Lincolnshire should not be taken into account in this connexion,<sup>3</sup> but the half bovate of Hemming Sprenting is recorded at Saltfleetby in this district.<sup>4</sup>

In regard to one part of the Danelaw, the soke of Bolingbroke in the extreme south of Lindsey, the survival of documents has preserved unusually copious information about the distribution of tenements. It would seem that holdings, upon an average, were small within that franchise. There are, of course, exceptions. The six and a half bovates of Audenker in Keal have already been quoted, the same charter assigns two bovates, probably in the same place, to a certain Siric.<sup>5</sup> But two charters which come from Stephen's time show Earl William of Lincoln granting to Crowland abbey a bovate and toft in Sibsey *et Algarum in predicta terra manentem*<sup>6</sup> and half a carucate in the same village with three men named Ailgar son of Lucy, Gippe, and Hughi, belonging to that land.<sup>7</sup> At Raithby, another member of the soke, the earl gave to Richard his butler half a carucate, comprising two bovates which were Alstan's, a bovate and a half which Ralf held, and half a bovate which was Agmund Bueri's.<sup>8</sup> A generation later, William de Roumara the earl's grandson made a gift of fourteen bovates in Raithby, of which Adestan son of Orger held two, Hugh, one and a half, Magnus, one and a quarter, Alan son of Eliseus, Rengot Barat, Siwat son of Gutred, Anke, Ailmund, Edric le sergant, one each, Ingolef's wife, Graive, Benedict and Baldric the cowherds, Habe, Siwat son of Airic, a half each, Geoffrey, a quarter.<sup>9</sup> Another charter of the same William grants to Reinold de Novo Mercato the bovates in East Kirkby and Mavis Enderby which Robert Blundus and Roger son of Achil respectively held.<sup>10</sup> This evidence for the prevalence of a small tenement in Bolingbroke soke could be reinforced from the material contained in other collections,<sup>11</sup> and it is interesting, for it shows that a distribution

from materials no longer extant also suggest that tenements in this county were large.

<sup>1</sup> No. 350.

<sup>2</sup> No. 417.

<sup>3</sup> See below, p. xxxix.

<sup>4</sup> Nos. 538, 9.

<sup>5</sup> No. 518.

<sup>6</sup> No. 515.

<sup>7</sup> No. 516.

<sup>8</sup> No. 512.

<sup>9</sup> No. 513.

<sup>10</sup> No. 519.

<sup>11</sup> In the charter by which William de Roumara granted five bovates in Toynton to the Chapter of Lincoln the actual tenements conveyed comprised three



of land in small holdings may very well arise among a population composed essentially of free peasants. The greater number of the tenements which have been quoted certainly represent the holdings of eleventh-century sokemen.<sup>1</sup> It is highly probable that these holdings have been modified by partitions among co-heirs or conversely by the accumulation of tenements in a single hand. But the holdings that happen to be recorded are composed on a scale which is only intelligible on the theory that they result from an original scheme of distribution founded on the bovaté.

In the preceding paragraphs there has been quoted every arable holding assigned in this book to a tenant whose name includes a definite English or Scandinavian element. The tenements recorded as in the occupation of men whose native origin is less clearly demonstrable vary in the same manner and suggest the same general conclusions. It may, indeed, be admitted that we have not the material adequate for a definition of the normal tenement of the twelfth century. Under the best of conditions the search for a normal tenement is apt to be disappointing. Men could reshape their holdings, and centuries of accumulation and disintegration lie behind the facts that are recorded in the earliest charters at the disposal of the modern student. Also the Danelaw is a wide region, and a great part of it is not illustrated by early charters at all. It can only be said that the details to be obtained from the charters in this book suggest that of the arable tenements of this region, apart from the abnormal Leicestershire, at least two out of five contained more than a single bovaté of land.<sup>2</sup> In regard to

bovates and four half bovates, each held by a separate tenant (*D. and C. Linc. D. ii. 88/1. 60*). Another document in the same collection refers to the bovates of Sewin and Reginald the smith in East Kirkby (*D. ii. 73/1. 18*). A detailed description of an estate in Sibsey is contained in a charter of William de Roumara entered in the fourteenth-century cartulary of Spalding priory. The estate is said to consist of twelve bovates, but the details that are given amount only to eleven. One tenant held a bovaté and a half, four tenants held a bovaté each, ten tenants held half a bovaté each, one tenant held a quarter bovaté and two tenants held another, apparently jointly (*Harl. 742, f. 249*).

<sup>1</sup> There is unfortunately an error in the Domesday description of Raithby (*D. B. i. 351*); it reads, 'Ibi xviii villani et iii villani et v bordarii habent iiii carucas.' It is certain that sokemen are intended by the first of these classes, and free tenements may therefore be understood in the charters which have been quoted. At Sibsey in 1086 there were 51 sokemen, 16 villeins, and 10 bordars, a proportion which does not entitle us to assume that tenants who subsequently appear in this village represent earlier sokemen.

<sup>2</sup> The charters in this book describe eighty-four of these tenements with suffi-

this proportion it should be observed that we have little explicit information about the villein tenancies of the twelfth century, which may well have been composed upon a small scale, and also that in this reckoning no account has been taken of the numerous holdings expressed in acres and in tofts which seem to represent the holdings of cottagers. On the other hand, it is always to be remembered that a charter never gives more than the minimum extent of a man's holding. There is always a possibility that in the divided villages of the Danelaw a man might hold under more than one lord: the numerous cases in which a single bovate is assigned to a tenant must not be interpreted too strictly. The bovate was the commonest of all tenements in the late twelfth century, probably in earlier days it had been the normal peasant holding, but the processes of partition, sale, and subinfeudation do not permit the maintenance of any primitive symmetry of arable distribution.

In Leicestershire a different terminology was current. It is true that in twelfth-century charters as in Domesday land is often measured by the bovate. Hamo Beler, for example, granted and Hugh de Rampen confirmed a bovate in Kirkby Bellars to Sulby abbey.<sup>1</sup> But holdings in this county are generally expressed in virgates instead of bovates, and a Leicestershire charter will rarely assign a single bovate to any tenant. Towards the year 1170 Earl Robert of Leicester gave to Isabel Countess of Northampton the bovate of Nicholas son of Suan in Groby,<sup>2</sup> and Hugh de Rampen gave to Monks Kirby priory the half virgate which Azor son of Alfred held of him in Kirkby Bellars,<sup>3</sup> but most Leicestershire tenements were framed on a larger scale than this. Under Henry II, Stephen de Curzun received from Thomas his brother the virgate in Diseworth which Godwin Suengel had held,<sup>4</sup> William son of Hamelin gave to Stixwold priory the virgate which William Scattertot held in Wymondham,<sup>5</sup> Robert Earl of Leicester confirmed to Nuneaton priory the virgate which Robert Wandard used to hold in Waltham on the Wolds,<sup>6</sup> Nicholas, brother of the earl's chaplain, is said to hold hereditarily of Reginald son of Eadward of Nuneaton a virgate in Swinford of Geoffrey Ridel's fee,<sup>7</sup>

cient accuracy for the present purpose. Of these, thirty-seven are of more than a bovate, a percentage of forty-four. In this reckoning, cases in which a tenement is assigned to two or more holders are counted as a single holding. There are not enough of them to affect the percentage.

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 390, 391.

<sup>2</sup> No. 325.

<sup>3</sup> No. 423.

<sup>4</sup> No. 414.

<sup>5</sup> No. 386.

<sup>6</sup> No. 347.

<sup>7</sup> No. 332.



Geoffrey of Thorpe gave the half ploughland of Seni Alden in Twyford to William his brother.<sup>1</sup> At the end of the century Ralf le Bret gave to Chacombe priory two virgates and a bovate and a half in Rotherby, comprising a virgate held by Peter, another held by William the cook and Robert son of Quenild, a bovate and a half held by William the smith.<sup>2</sup> Contemporary texts refer to the two virgates held by Richard son of Anketil in Thorpe Satchville,<sup>3</sup> the virgate which Walter son of Thomas held in Husbands Bosworth of Richard Basset's fee,<sup>4</sup> and the two bovates in Hoton held by William Hiap of Bullington priory.<sup>5</sup> These references are enough to show that the occasional use of the term *virgata* in the Leicestershire Domesday reflected local speech.<sup>6</sup> On the other hand, the inference that the average Leicestershire peasant held twice as much land as his Lincolnshire fellow should be avoided. Early definitions of a Leicestershire virgate are very rare, but a charter in the Nuneaton series below speaks of nine bovates containing 108 acres in Waltham on the Wolds.<sup>7</sup> Carucates of less than the 96 acres implied here were certainly known in twelfth-century Leicestershire: the details of a half carucate in Newton Burdet given to the hospital of Burton Lazars amount to 35 acres only.<sup>8</sup> The prevalence of a small carucate in Leicestershire may well explain the singularly low value assigned in Domesday to estates of high assessment in that shire.<sup>9</sup>

Upon the acreage of the bovate in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire no information is recorded in any original charter of the twelfth century that is at present known, nor are many facts to be obtained from documents preserved in later copies.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> No. 462.

<sup>2</sup> No. 410.

<sup>3</sup> No. 411.

<sup>4</sup> No. 389.

<sup>5</sup> No. 55.

<sup>6</sup> The function of the virgate as the tenorial unit in Leicestershire is illustrated by a charter of *circa* 1200 in the Barlings cartulary conveying ten virgates in Newton Burdet, each held by a separate tenant (Cott. Faust. B. i. 38).

<sup>7</sup> No. 346.

<sup>8</sup> Cott. Nero C. xii. 96.

<sup>9</sup> Maitland, *Domesday Book and Beyond*, 468, 469; *Victoria History of Leicestershire*, i. 283.

<sup>10</sup> The most interesting of these documents is a note taken by Gervase Holles of a charter from the Haverholme cartulary by which Simon of Keyworth granted to that house a bovate of demesne in Normanton on the Wolds containing seventeen acres of arable, *sex acras in meliori loco totius terre sue et quinque et dimidiam in mediocri loco et quinque et dimidiam in deteriori loco* (Lansd. 207 A, 124 b). The description of this demesne bovate as distributed over lands of varying quality is more important than the mere statement of its acreage. The few Derbyshire cartularies now extant give little early evidence about the acreage of the bovate, but it may be noted that since the bovate in Glapwell given by

For Lincolnshire the evidence is more copious, and it is very interesting, for it distinctly suggests a standard acreage for the bovaté in this county. From a collection of twelfth-century charters preserved in later copies it has been possible to discover the precise acreage of twenty-five Lincolnshire bovates and two Lincolnshire half bovates of this period.<sup>1</sup> Nineteen of the bovates consist of 20 acres; two, of 16 acres; the rest contain 32, 27, 24, and 17 acres respectively. Each half bovaté contains 10 acres. These details point very clearly to an average bovaté of 20 acres in twelfth-century Lincolnshire, and the carucate of 160 acres which would result from such a holding is recorded in a document of 1169 printed in the *Monasticon* from the Kirkstead Cartulary.<sup>2</sup> It is, of course, possible that these figures suggest an unreal uniformity of arable distribution. Phrases are sometimes employed in charters which imply that not all bovates in the same village were composed on the same scale; Agnes the wife of Herbert son of Adelard speaks of a small carucate in South Ferriby which her husband gave her in dower.<sup>3</sup> It can only be said that the

Richard son of William to William son of Godric was found by the oath of Richard's men to contain eight acres and a half only it was augmented by five acres and a half more (Cott. Titus C. ix. 118 b). Evidently a reasonable bovaté in east Derbyshire would consist of fourteen acres at least. Later documents suggest upon the whole the prevalence of a small bovaté in these counties; but tenements might be remodelled and the village arable redistributed, and it is not well to argue from the bovates of Elizabethan surveys to the bovates of the twelfth century.

<sup>1</sup> (Alvingham priory) Laud MS. 642, f. 123, Keddington, one bovaté = 20 acres; *ibid.* f. 157, Cabourne, two bovates = 40 acres; *ibid.* f. 97, Grainthorpe, half bovaté = 10 acres; (Bullington priory) Harl. Chart. 54 I, 31, East Barkwith, one bovaté = 20 acres; Add. MS. 6118, p. 392 b, Spanby, one bovaté = 32 acres; (Kirkstead abbey) Cott. Vesp. E. xviii, f. 194, Dunholme, two bovates, being twenty acres to be sown yearly each side of the village; *ibid.* f. 79, Witheall, one bovaté = 20 acres; *ibid.* f. 15, Dalby, two bovates, each of 20 acres; *ibid.* f. 87, South Cadeby one bovaté = 20 acres; *ibid.* f. 52 b, Canwick, one bovaté = 27 acres; *ibid.* f. 44 b, Canwick, four bovates, each of 20 acres; (Bardney abbey) Vesp. E. xx, f. 136, Great Steeping, one bovaté = 17 acres; *ibid.* f. 133 b, Great Steeping, half bovaté = 10 acres; (Nun Cotham priory) Top. Linc. d. 1, f. 31 b, Habrough, three bovates, two of 16 acres each, the third of 20; *ibid.* f. 16, Brocklesby, one bovaté = 24 acres; (Ormsby priory) Exch. K. R. Memoranda Roll 185, Fotherby, one bovaté = 20 acres; (Sixle priory) Exch. K. R. Memoranda Roll 185, Hainton, one bovaté = 20 acres; (Catley priory) Exch. K. R. Memoranda Roll 183, Coates, one bovaté = 20 acres; (Haverholme priory) Lansd. MS. 207 A, p. 103 b, Quarrington, one bovaté = 20 acres.

<sup>2</sup> *Mon. Ang.* v. 420.

<sup>3</sup> No. 27, compare No. 25. In the twelfth century Oliver of Wendover gave to Catley priory half a carucate in Glentworth *de minoribus bovetis* (Exch. K. R. Memoranda Roll 183). A charter to Lincoln cathedral written a little before the year 1200 refers to a bovaté and a half in Owmby by Spital, *que sunt de magnis*



20 acre bovaté is recorded in the twelfth-century charters of ten religious houses, and that it is confined to no single part of the county. It appears at Cabourne on the Wolds, at Kedington between the Wolds and the Marsh, at Coates in the plain between the Lincoln Edge and the Trent, at Quarrington to the south of Sleaford. The variations from the twenty-acre type do not suggest any other general scheme, nor can they well be connected with local diversities of soil. It may be added that no early Lincolnshire charter has so far produced the bovaté of 15 acres which would give a carucate of 120 acres.

The passages to which reference has just been made are derived from a minute fraction of the twelfth-century Lincolnshire charters of which the texts are still extant, and they relate to but a small number of the villages in this great county. Under ordinary conditions it was enough to define a tenement with reference to its holder's name without any statement of its acreage. The statements of acreage which occur in the charters of the present collection are all made in connexion with the detachment of parcels of demesne or the remodelling of arable holdings. This does not invalidate the evidence which they afford as to the general scale of contemporary tenements, the agrarian units of the demesnes, and holdings re-measured upon the open fields, will normally conform to accepted standards of arable distribution, but it explains the rarity of explicit definitions of bovates. These definitions, when we obtain them, materially reinforce the evidence for a twenty-acre bovaté in Lincolnshire. In a charter which seems to come from the last decade of the twelfth century Emma Trussebut recorded a gift of two demesne bovates in Riby; these bovates lay in thirteen parcels, which together amounted to exactly forty acres.<sup>1</sup> Before 1187, Kirkstead abbey had received from Ralf son of Stephen of Holland a bovaté of arable in Snelland, being ten acres on each side of the village by the perch of eighteen feet.<sup>2</sup> At Ingham under Henry II, William de Pontfol granted and Philip of Kyme confirmed to Bullington priory two demesne bovates, namely twenty acres on one side of the village and twenty on the other.<sup>3</sup> The only passages in this book which imply a bovaté below the twenty-acre standard are those which relate to the grant of a demesne half bovaté in Habrough by William *bouatis, que magna bouata et dimidia faciunt tres bouatas parvas* (D. & C. Line. D. ii. 84/3. 28). These are local exceptions to the general scale of tenements, and are noted as such in the texts which record them.

<sup>1</sup> No. 533.

<sup>2</sup> No. 229.

<sup>3</sup> Nos. 62, 63.

Berner to Newhouse abbey. This half bovatē lay in six parcels and comprised four acres to the south of the village and an equal number to the north.<sup>1</sup> The remaining passages which bear upon the acreage of the Lincolnshire bovatē raise difficult questions of interpretation, and it will be best to consider them separately.

A twenty-acre bovatē suggests an agricultural system by which the arable is divided into two great fields. Lincolnshire holdings are often conveyed with formulas which confirm this suggestion. There can be no question that of the tenements quoted in the last paragraph the two bovatēs at Ingham, the bovatē at Snelland, the half bovatē at Habrough were each divided equally between the two great arable fields of the villages in which they respectively lay. But parcels of land which do not belong to the bovatē scheme are also often divided by charters between the two fields of a village. At Hackthorn, for example, the eight acres of arable which Remi son of Remi sold to Bullington priory are described as four acres on one side of the village and four on the other,<sup>2</sup> the six acres granted to the same house by Geoffrey of Walmesgate lay three on one side of the village and three on the other,<sup>3</sup> the five acres confirmed by Alexander Foliot lay in equal portions on each side of the village,<sup>4</sup> two of the four selions granted by Robert of Wendover and Juliana his wife lay to the north of the village and two lay to the south,<sup>5</sup> the acres granted severally by Adam son of Remi and by Ralf Foliot and Eda his wife consisted in each case of half an acre to the south of the village and half an acre to the north.<sup>6</sup> At Redbourne, the fourteen arable acres given to the same priory soon after the middle of the century by Walter de Crasci comprised seven acres on one side of the village and an equal number on the other,<sup>7</sup> at Edlington, the eight acres granted to Kirkstead abbey by Robert Calf are described as four acres on one side of the village and four on the other,<sup>8</sup> at Habrough, the six acres which passed to Newhouse abbey with the toft of Godric the carpenter<sup>9</sup> and six other acres given independently to the same house<sup>10</sup> each comprised three acres to the south of the village and three to the north. The only document in this book which records an

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 271, 272. A sixteen-acre bovatē at Habrough is recorded in the Nun Cotham cartulary (above, p. xxviii, note 1).

<sup>2</sup> No. 43.      <sup>3</sup> No. 42.      <sup>4</sup> No. 34.      <sup>5</sup> No. 36.      <sup>6</sup> Nos. 45 and 33.

<sup>7</sup> No. 92.      <sup>8</sup> No. 187.      <sup>9</sup> Nos. 267, 268, 271, 272.

<sup>10</sup> Nos. 271 and 272.



unequal division of a parcel of arable between the two sides of a village is a charter of Bishop Alexander of Lincoln<sup>1</sup> confirming to Newhouse abbey thirty acres on one side of the village of Killingholme and sixteen acres on the other.<sup>2</sup> There is little early evidence bearing upon the field systems of the other Danelaw counties, but the formulas employed in No. 412 suggest that the arable at Rotherby in Leicestershire was divided into two great fields.

The evidence for the prevalence of a two-field system in Lincolnshire is continued by innumerable later documents. The two great arable fields of these villages are revealed as clearly in Elizabethan and Jacobean surveys as in the charters of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.<sup>3</sup> Of the regulation of these fields we are told little, but the intake, the portion of arable reserved for continuous cultivation, is recorded in this region already before 1200. William Mustel granted to the nuns and brethren of Bullington *ut ipsi omni anno quodocunque uoluerint seminent totam culturam suam super Stainholm in territorio de Tirintun*: his charter is endorsed in a hand of the late twelfth century, *De Innam super Steinhholm*.<sup>4</sup> For the three-field system in Lincolnshire no definite evidence that is earlier than the year 1300 has hitherto been observed. The men of Lincolnshire tilled a large bovaté, but they fallowed half their arable every year.

This usage has at times affected their conception of their bovaté. When Adam son of Alan of Rothwell confirmed to Newhouse abbey the six bovates of his father's gift in that village he was careful to insert in his charter the memorandum *Hoc notato quod annuatim habebunt predicti fratres sex bouatas terre ad colendum ex utraque parte ville, ita scilicet quod sex habebunt uno anno ex una parte ville et sex in altero anno ex altera parte ville ad colendum*.<sup>5</sup> Clearly in this passage the word *bovata*

<sup>1</sup> No. 235. In the first confirmation issued by Bishop Robert II this gift is described as consisting of 46 acres, without any reference to their distribution. No. 237.

<sup>2</sup> Upon such formulas see Vinogradoff, *Villainage in England*.

<sup>3</sup> The distribution of the arable in Lincolnshire villages at the beginning of the seventeenth century is illustrated with abundant detail in the large collection of glebe terriers of this date preserved in the Exchequer Gate at Lincoln. Examples of the three-field system occur sporadically in this collection, but a scheme which divides the arable into two great fields is obviously normal in the county.

<sup>4</sup> No. 107.

<sup>5</sup> No. 309. In his confirmation of this gift (No. 310) Alan, Adam's son, speaks of six bovates of land without any explanatory memorandum of the kind inserted by his father.

stands for that portion of a full holding which is cultivated in one field in any single year. In another charter, also from the Newhouse series, this singular usage is worked out in greater detail. Eudo of Alford thereby gave to the abbey three bovates of arable on each side of the village of Brocklesby : to the south, a ten-acre bovaté of his demesne lying in four places, and two bovates *de terra rusticorum* held by Miles and Henry son of Ailof ; to the north, another demesne bovaté of ten acres lying in five places, with two more villein bovates held by the same Miles and Henry. Five acres were added by Eudo to complete the villein bovates to the south of the village, and three acres to complete those to the north.<sup>1</sup> The same usage is probably to be understood in reading the contemporary charter by which William son of Berard granted to the canons of Newhouse one of the bovates of Roger son of Ailof in Killingholme *mensurandam et assignandam illis versus solem*.<sup>2</sup> It survived into the thirteenth century,<sup>3</sup> but was never common in this region, a circumstance which is fortunate, for the usage might easily have introduced intolerable confusion into our ideas of the bovaté. As it stands it has been evolved naturally enough from normal formulas which describe the distribution of the bovaté over the two village fields. From the description of a bovaté of twenty acres, 'ten on one side of the village and ten on the other,' there is an easy passage to the phrase employed in a Kirkstead charter of 1160,<sup>4</sup> *dimidiam carrucatam terre lucrabilis . . . unamquamque bovatom de x acris annis singulis seminandam*, and it is no less easy to ignore the fallow and define the sown area as a bovaté in itself. No usage could demonstrate more sharply the working of the two-field system.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> No. 250.

<sup>2</sup> No. 291. The charter probably conveys the moiety of a tenant's full bovaté.

<sup>3</sup> In the reign of Henry III Henry son of William granted to Newhouse abbey the land which he held in Kirmington, namely three bovates in the east field and three in the west field (Harl. Chart. 47 H. 23). There is little doubt that this charter should be read in the light of the Rothwell memorandum quoted above.

<sup>4</sup> No. 219.

<sup>5</sup> The definite proof afforded by the Rothwell charter that at the middle of the twelfth century the portion of a bovaté sown each year could be regarded as a bovaté of itself may bear upon the problems which arise in connexion with the ratio between the teamlands and gelding carucates of Domesday. The ratios recorded in Lincolnshire cannot be brought into any intelligible connexion with the open-field system, but such a connexion may have existed in the eleventh century in other counties. Cf. Taylor in *Domesday Studies*, i. 142-172.



But there is another employment of the word *bovata* which quite ignores the traditional balance of the two open fields. A compact block of twenty acres in one field might upon occasion be described as a bovate. In a charter that is earlier than 1166,<sup>1</sup> Henry son of Nigel speaks of two bovates in Brocklesby, *alteram ex utraque parte ville sicut iacet de terra rusticorum . . . alteram de demenio nostro simul viginti scilicet acras versus Nehus*. The contrast between the compact demesne bovate and the dispersed villein bovate is interesting, it agrees with other evidence which suggests that demesnes in this region often lay in large and compact blocks of land. But bovates in the occupation of tenants might also be composed of adjacent acres. An early charter of Roger de Mowbray grants to William of Marton *unam bovetam terre in Calkefeld quam Haldanus tenuit et unam bovetam terre quam Godric et Wibaldus filius eius tenuerunt et ix acras de maresco in directo terre prenominate et situm unius piscarie iuxta illam terram*.<sup>2</sup> Calkefeld is the modern Kelfield by the Trent in the Isle of Axholme; those bovates in a straight line with nine acres of marsh may best be conceived as long and narrow blocks of arable stretching westwards from the river over the higher fields beyond. Perhaps they were exceptional, but where the evidence is fragmentary it is well to take note of exceptions, and the bovate that lay in a continuous stretch of arable is a fact that should not be ignored.<sup>3</sup>

Bovates of this type are recorded in other charters of the Newhouse series. When Hugh Berner became a canon of that house he gave it a bovate in the fields of Habrough next the ford of Skitter.<sup>4</sup> It was a very abnormal bovate; it is described in a later confirmation as *illam bovatom que est iuxta vadum*

<sup>1</sup> No. 248. The demesne bovate was granted back to Henry by Abbot Gerlo of Newhouse, probably at the time when Henry's charter was made, by No. 249.

<sup>2</sup> No. 393. William of Marton afterwards granted these bovates to Sulby abbey, and his gift was confirmed by Roger de Mowbray in a later charter (No. 394). The latter speaks of ten acres of marsh *iuxta predictam terram*: words which are less precise than the *in directo terre prenominate* of the grant quoted in the text, but no doubt mean the same thing.

<sup>3</sup> There is only one twelfth-century charter among the muniments of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln which affords direct evidence as to the acreage of the bovate. By this charter Robert of Harrowby granted a seventeen-acre bovate in that village with the unusual clause *Bovata autem prememorata illa est que dicitur Bruneland* (D. & C. Linc. D. ii. 71/3. 44). The fact that this bovate was distinguished by an individual name suggests that it was composed of adjacent acres.

<sup>4</sup> No. 261.

*de Schytere, scilicet totam illam culturam sicut iacet inter duas divisas cum tota terra arabili et prato et maresco secundum latitudinem eiusdem culture usque in filum aque de Schytere.*<sup>1</sup> The fact that a parcel of land contained within the two boundaries of a *cultura*, and comprising arable, meadow, and marsh, could be described as a bovate, illustrates the elasticity of twelfth-century terminology. Other charters from the same series continue the evidence for the compact bovate. In a very important but ill-drafted charter of approximately 1160, Haket de Rideford gave to the abbey four bovates in Barnetby le Wold on the east side of the village towards Kirmington and Great Limber. To compose these bovates he detached from the tenements of his men a number of small adjacent parcels which he enumerated with care, and he continued the specification of his gift with the words *De meo demenio simul cum terra predictorum virorum dedi eis et perfeci octoginta acras ad incolendum.*<sup>2</sup> His gift was described by Bishop Robert of Lincoln as half a carucate in the fields of Barnetby;<sup>3</sup> we are fortunate in being able to prove that this half carucate comprised four contiguous bovates of twenty acres each. At Cabourne, a few miles to the south of Barnetby, the same abbey received from Geoffrey de Turs and Amabilis his wife a similar group of large adjacent bovates. The group is described in their charter<sup>4</sup> as five bovates of land, namely all the land which lies between Foxdale and Westgathe, it was confirmed by Bishop Robert as eighty acres of land and one bovate in addition.<sup>5</sup> At Cabourne, as at Barnetby and Brocklesby, there were compact bovates of twenty acres.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> No. 271.<sup>2</sup> No. 245.<sup>3</sup> No. 240.<sup>4</sup> No. 256.

<sup>5</sup> The first of the four charters issued in favour of the abbey by Bishop Robert, No. 237, confirms five bovates in Cabourne. Their donor is not stated, but they are evidently identical with the five bovates of Geoffrey's charter. The second and third of the bishop's charters, Nos. 238 and 239, confirm to the abbey 140 acres in Cabourne of Geoffrey's fee. This holding is defined more precisely in the fourth charter, No. 240, which confirms among other gifts in alms 80 acres and one bovate of Geoffrey's gift in Cabourne, and in a later passage confirms two bovates there of Geoffrey's gift subject to a yearly rent of five shillings. It would, therefore, seem that altogether the abbey held seven twenty-acre bovates of Geoffrey's fee in Cabourne.

<sup>6</sup> A usage distinct from any that has hitherto been noted is recorded in a charter of Henry II's reign copied by Robert Dodsworth from an original now lost (Dodsworth MS. viii. 163 b). Richard Berner and Robert his son thereby grant to Nun Appleton priory a bovate in Killingholme *de nostro demenio parem aliis bovatis nostre tenure totam simul iacentem ex orientali parte ville omnibus culturis terre nostre pertinentibus, forinsecam et totam simul iacentem ex occidentali parte*



A normal holding in these shires as elsewhere carried appropriate rights of common pasture; it included a suitable portion of meadow, a toft, and a croft. The dimensions of a toft are rarely stated, but we are told that a certain *mansura* which the nuns of Nuneaton held at Waltham on the Wolds in north Leicestershire was 19 perches in length by 6 in breadth.<sup>1</sup> The toft in Cotes in the same county which Helias son of Anketil gave to Bullington priory was 10 perches in length by 8 in breadth.<sup>2</sup> Numerous charters illustrate the conception of the toft as the plot containing the house and buildings that belonged to the arable farm; it is exceptional for an arable tenement to be given without a toft as its appurtenance. In many cases the arable and the toft together belong to a peasant holding transferred in its integrity to a new lord, but it is not hard to find charters which add a toft formerly occupied by one person to an arable holding formerly occupied by another. The abbot and convent of Kirkstead granted from their alms in Martin by Timberland the bovate of Lundi, afterwards held by Geoffrey son of Hemming, together with the toft of Eilric:<sup>3</sup> William Berner gave to Newhouse abbey the bovates of Arnulf and Goda in Habrough with the *mansurae* of Leppa and Hervey Kent.<sup>4</sup> In general a rough correspondence is maintained between the size of the arable tenement and the number of its appurtenant tofts—the two tofts, for example, which Outhein and Idde held passed to Bullington priory with the two bovates in Faldingworth which Philip of Kyme inherited from Gervase of Halton<sup>5</sup>—but there are many departures from this rule. At one end of the scale Adam of Thorne gave to Newhouse abbey the six bovates in Killingholme which Pugning and Gervase held with the toft that Walter Abbot held,<sup>6</sup> at the other, Robert

*ville in cultura proximiori Chiluingholm versus Haburh.* This contrast between the *bovata* on one side the village and the *forinseca* on the other is unique. The latter term may best be understood as standing for a colloquial 'outland', and meaning a block of acres lying remote from the home farm but considered necessary for the completion of a full holding. Richard Berner was a man of much local importance, and it would not be well to argue from the organization of his demesne to the general agricultural divisions of the village. No other Killingholme charter speaks of the *forinseca*. For another application of similar terminology it is necessary to look across the Trent into Nottinghamshire where, at Morton near Southwell, the land of Henry the clerk to the north of the village is said to lie *in campo interiori et exteriori*; a phrase which suggests a local infield and outfield (No. 372).

<sup>1</sup> No. 336.

<sup>2</sup> No. 18.

<sup>3</sup> No. 184.

<sup>4</sup> No. 272.

<sup>5</sup> No. 20.

<sup>6</sup> No. 295.

son of Eustace sold to the lady Basilia of Welton a bovaté and a half in that village with three tofts which Jalf held.<sup>1</sup> Such divergencies are often to be observed in charters which add tofts to gifts of arable from the demesne. The gift of a peasant's tenement would normally imply the bestowal of a toft, it was otherwise with the detachment of a portion of demesne, and in one instance we may feel confident that the gift of a toft was the deliberate completion of a demesne holding. In Stephen's reign Hugh de Scoteigni granted to Newhouse abbey two bovates of his demesne in Great Limber and his share in Henedale; <sup>2</sup> before 1167, Hugh's son Lambert, in confirming the gift added to it the toft of Walter the carpenter.<sup>3</sup> The creation of irregular holdings not framed upon the bovaté model demanded the annexation of tofts; Helto of Snelland added the toft of Richard Haribrun to the thirty-nine acres of arable which he gave to Kirkstead abbey in the place from which he took his name.<sup>4</sup> The evidence of charters would demonstrate, if demonstration were necessary, that in the twelfth century it was very unusual to give a farm without also giving a farm house.

There are, moreover, occasional charters which represent the arable itself as an appurtenance of the toft. Geoffrey son of Aubrey granted to Roland son of William all that he had in Martin by Horncastle of Simon of Driby's fee, *excepto uno tofto quod Colsuain tenuit et excepta una bovaté terre eidem tofto adiacenti*.<sup>5</sup> This is an exceptional usage, which nevertheless illustrates the intimate association of the recognized shares in the fields with the tofts in the village. But it does not follow that the toft in these charters is always combined in this way with an arable holding. In Domesday we read of sokemen upon tofts<sup>6</sup> distinguished from the sokemen who held bovates: the Feodary of the Templars records an important class of toft holders; we may fairly expect that a collection of charters will contain traces of such people. Such traces may reasonably be found in the numerous documents which record the conveyance of tofts without reference to any arable tenement. The charters by which Bullington priory received the toft in

<sup>1</sup> No. 168.<sup>2</sup> No. 303.<sup>3</sup> No. 304.<sup>4</sup> No. 224.

<sup>5</sup> No. 492. There is no definite evidence in the Danelaw to prove a sequence of tofts in the village corresponding with a sequence of strips in the fields, but the constant association of tofts with arable holdings are quite compatible with such a system (see Vinogradoff, *Growth of the Manor*, 263-7).

<sup>6</sup> e.g. i. 365 b (Thorganby, co. Lincoln).



Withcall which Walter son of Sywat held,<sup>1</sup> Newhouse abbey, the tofts in Killingholme which Richard Wither, William son of Osmund, and Alan son of Eda respectively held,<sup>2</sup> Kirkstead abbey, the toft in Tattershall Thorpe which Wulmar son of Stirker held,<sup>3</sup> do not contain any hint that these tofts were intended to be annexed to the arable holdings of those houses. The upland population of the twelfth century was not devoted exclusively to arable farming; Lincolnshire was a county of great sheep runs. These frequent gifts of tofts without arable are not a matter for surprise. Of the form of holding which comprised a toft with a few appurtenant acres in the village fields, two early examples are recorded in these charters. At Sudbrooke near Ancaster, Ralf de Buchetun gave to Hervey Coleman the toft of *Buga et tofti ad impletionem, scilicet ex parte west ville a Wrangelandes subtus Grenegate et ex parte del est a Kattehales, et de augmento do illi duos selliuns del nort de Daledic et duos seilliuns contra vivarium de Anecastre*.<sup>4</sup> At Scopwick, Robert de Berevilla gave to the nuns of Sempringham two tofts and an acre on each side the village in augmentation of these tofts.<sup>5</sup> The gift to Newhouse abbey of the toft of Godric the carpenter in Habrough with three acres of arable on each side the village affords a later example of the same form of tenement.<sup>6</sup> This type of holding is very old: already before the Norman Conquest the cottager might have five acres of land, more or less.<sup>7</sup> The priest might be enfeoffed in a toft; Hugh the priest son of Ralf of Toynton quitclaimed to his lord William de Roumara a toft and croft called Tunge in Toynton near Keal,<sup>8</sup> which were evidently no part of the endowment of his church, perhaps he had inherited them from his father.

Moreover, the craftsman was a necessary element in mediaeval village life, and craftsmen might come from afar. In the earliest years of Henry II's reign, Abbot Gerlo of Newhouse granted to Ernald the skinner of St. Omer a *mansura* in Newhouse held by Duua in the war.<sup>9</sup> By the latter phrase the anarchy of Stephen's time must be meant; the subsequent replacement of a native tenant by a Fleming is a fact of exceptional interest. The later charter by which Abbot Ralf of Revesby granted to Rannulf the smith the toft in Toynton called Hankescroft,<sup>10</sup> illustrates in

<sup>1</sup> No. 115.    <sup>2</sup> Nos. 292 and 293.    <sup>3</sup> No. 179.    <sup>4</sup> No. 387.    <sup>5</sup> No. 440.

<sup>6</sup> Nos. 267, 271, 272.

<sup>7</sup> *Rectitudines Singularum Personarum* 3/3.

<sup>8</sup> No. 523. Another toft in Toynton, called Littel welle croft, was granted without reference to any arable appurtenance by William de Roumara to David the priest son of Haldan the doctor (No. 491).    <sup>9</sup> No. 306.    <sup>10</sup> No. 524.

a less remarkable way the local position of the craftsman. The smith was an essential part of the village community, he appears from time to time as a witness to charters,<sup>1</sup> but we read little of him, for he could live without any arable tenement. But although the craftsman should not be ignored in any explanation of the origins of the toftholder it remains probable that the great body of such men belonged to the class which Domesday would describe as *bordarii*, and later surveys as cottagers. The important fact that a cottager's plot could be described as a toft in the twelfth century is demonstrated by one of the few early charters which explicitly record the existence of this class. Roger de Camville confirmed to the canons of St. Mary de Pre, Leicester, the toft of a cottar outside the Leicestershire village of Theddingworth.<sup>2</sup> The emergence of such a class was complementary to the distribution of arable in considerable holdings, it is explained by the natural growth of population. There is a limit both to the number of men who can be employed in working a single farm and to the profitable subdivision of tenements. Sooner or later, the younger son who does not wish to migrate must be provided with a plot where he may live by independent labour. A community of free husbandmen produces such people as naturally in its own way as the organization of a manor creates a body of dependent cottagers for the cultivation of its demesne.<sup>3</sup>

But the word toft does not always denote either the site of a farm-house and steading or the homestead of a cottager. William Berner, for example, granted to Newhouse abbey a toft called Le Mura in Sudnesse in the parish of Habrough and in the marshes;<sup>4</sup> by another charter he confirmed to the same house a toft in the marshes of Habrough as it was ditched about on the day when Hugh his father became a canon, with pasture for 300 sheep in the same marshes.<sup>5</sup> We do not expect to find a farm-house in a marsh, and we may well believe that the toft and the sheep pasture were closely connected. Habrough marshes extend to the Humber; there are sheep on them to-day, and it looks as if those tofts were really enclosures for sheep-folds, with no dwelling inside them more spacious than a shepherd's hut. It is certain that these marsh tofts were not exceptional, for Peter of Goxhill at the foundation of Newhouse

<sup>1</sup> e.g. Nos. 149 a, 167, 261, 440, 481.

<sup>2</sup> No. 420.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Vinogradoff, *English Society in the Eleventh Century*, 458-60.

<sup>4</sup> No. 262.

<sup>5</sup> No. 261.



abbey granted a *mansura* in the marsh of Goxhill next the house of Scule,<sup>1</sup> and there is other early evidence of sheep farming in this quarter. The *ovile* of Newhouse abbey at Ulceby to the west of Habrough is recorded in the twelfth century;<sup>2</sup> at Killingholme to the north it was agreed that the canons should not have more than 200 sheep in the middle field in right of the village church or of the lands which they held by the gift of Nicholas de Arci.<sup>3</sup> This association of a toft with a grant of sheep pasture is not confined to the villages near the coast. At Cabourne on the Wolds, Geoffrey de Turs granted to the same abbey the toft of Garwolf within the village, and four acres by Restedic together with pasture for 700 sheep;<sup>4</sup> in a confirmation of this gift by the Bishop of Lincoln these last four acres are themselves described as a *mansura*.<sup>5</sup> Throughout Lincolnshire, sheep farming is proved by twelfth-century evidence. By charters printed in this book, Newhouse abbey received pasture for 300 sheep at Barnetby and at Norton Disney,<sup>6</sup> Kirkstead abbey, for 500 sheep by the long hundred at Swinethorpe,<sup>7</sup> Bullington priory, for 500 sheep at Hackthorn, for 300 sheep at Redbourne, for 100 sheep at Beckering, and for 200 sheep at Ingham,<sup>8</sup> Rufford abbey, for 600 sheep at Barton on Humber.<sup>9</sup> The *bercaria* of the monks of Kirkstead and Louth Park are mentioned in charters relating respectively to Roughton and Scupholme.<sup>10</sup> The practice of sheep farming certainly accounts in part for the appearance of tofts without any arable appurtenance.

Allowance must also be made for the anomalous tenements which had been created upon the rich lands along the coast of Lincolnshire. At Saltfleetby, for example, abundant early charters point to a local habit of life quite different from the normal arable culture based upon large holdings. Jordan of Brackenborough granted to Odo Galle nine acres and a rood and a half of arable between the lands of Walter Galle and Gilbert son of Alan, being the whole toft and croft where Reginald son of Grimkell died.<sup>11</sup> Torald Bunthing dwelt upon a holding which extended in length from Apol to the meadow of the monks of Louth Park, and in breadth from Maredic to the land of Godfrey Bunting.<sup>12</sup> The tenement which Acca held of Geoffrey of Keddington comprised in all a toft and ten acres of meadow.<sup>13</sup> The sons of Arnald Galle with the assent of their

<sup>1</sup> *Mon. Ang.* vii. 865.<sup>2</sup> No. 314.<sup>3</sup> No. 298.<sup>4</sup> No. 256.<sup>5</sup> No. 240.<sup>6</sup> Nos. 245, 307.<sup>7</sup> No. 219.<sup>8</sup> Nos. 96, 7, 62.<sup>9</sup> No. 349.<sup>10</sup> Nos. 195, 409.<sup>11</sup> No. 547.<sup>12</sup> No. 549.<sup>13</sup> No. 544.

mother and sisters sold to Odo Galle the eighteen acres where Robert son of Acke dwelt;<sup>1</sup> Arnald Galle himself in an earlier charter speaks of half an acre in the marsh of Holme where William Sitard dwelt.<sup>2</sup> The Saltfleetby charters, as a whole, produce the impression that holdings were small and often compact, that dwellings were dispersed over the whole village territory, that culture was based on meadow and marsh rather than on arable. The explanation lies in the physical character of the district; a level plain, intersected with watercourses, a dozen feet or less above the sea, from which it is divided by a line of sand dunes. Such a land is inappropriate to the plotting of normal tenements, but it falls naturally into compact blocks divided by the dykes which are a feature of the region to-day. Village concentration is not invited; the dispersal of houses had led before the end of the thirteenth century to the division of the Saltfleetby territory into the three parishes which still exist. Apart from their social interest, to which it will be necessary to return, these charters strikingly illustrate the way in which habits of settlement and cultivation may be modified by peculiarities of local configuration.

But Saltfleetby was an exceptional place; we are fortunate in possessing so much evidence to illustrate its life in the twelfth century. Under ordinary conditions the meadow resumes its accustomed place as the appurtenance of the arable. Already in the twelfth century the enclosure of meadow upon a somewhat considerable scale was possible. William of Halton Holgate speaks of eighteen acres in the meadow which his father had enclosed between the meadows of Halton and the croft of the brethren of Revesby.<sup>3</sup> The meadow appurtenant to an arable bovatc could be disassociated from it: the monks of Rufford received at Kirton in Nottinghamshire the meadow between the meadows of Hudtred and William son of Reginald, being that which belonged to the bovatc which Adam held.<sup>4</sup> There is no reference to the common meadow of a village in any original charter of the twelfth century relating to this region.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> No. 551.

<sup>2</sup> No. 550. A charter of approximately 1200 in Lincoln cathedral refers to a toft of meadow in Theddlethorpe in which Margaret Tutin dwelt. This toft seems to have contained one acre (D. & C. Linc. D. ii. 91/3. 17).

<sup>3</sup> No. 506.

<sup>4</sup> No. 368.

<sup>5</sup> Soon after 1200 Rannulf of Mattersey gave to his son Robert the carpenter eight perches of meadow at Haughton in Nottinghamshire *in communi prato ville* (Harl. Chart. 83 G. 37). The common meadow of a Leicestershire village



In no part of England were common rights more important than in the fens of Lincolnshire, though few original twelfth-century charters remain to illustrate their operation.<sup>1</sup> The same may be said of the abnormal economy developed in the forest regions of Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire. One early document, indeed, the foundation charter of Wallingwells priory, gives information as to the conditions prevailing in the north of the latter county. Their distinctive feature is the tenure of parcels of reclaimed woodland by men of native descent; the essarts of Thori, William son of Lefwin, Ernwi, and Theodbald, are severally mentioned.<sup>2</sup> But the evidence of essartation is by no means confined to this region. In the centre of Nottinghamshire, Maurice of Kelham gave to Rufford abbey all his *frussura* in Lingewang.<sup>3</sup> In the east of Lincolnshire, which was certainly no forest region, the arable was still encroaching upon the woodland in the twelfth century. At Ailby near Alford, among many other gifts, Greenfield priory received from Gilbert son of Herbert of Rigsby his sart near Presthag, from Gunter son of Angot whatever he or his father had in Wlfrichache *in bosco et sarto*, from Joelin de Nevill five acres less one perch in the sart of William son of Herbert, from William himself a piece of land twenty-one *percatae* in length by nineteen in breadth *ad sartandam et arandam vel quicquid eis inde placuerit faciendam*, from Herbert, William's father, a sart near Archelcroft with the wood at the head of it.<sup>4</sup> In the immediate neighbourhood Henry of Strubby gave to the priory

is described in a remarkable phrase in a charter which belongs to the reign of Henry III (Campbell Chart. xv. 3). John of Welham thereby gave to the canons of Owston half the meadow belonging to four virgates at Thorpe Satchville lying in seven parcels of which six are defined with reference to the persons holding upon either side. But the seventh parcel is described as *una pars . . . super le Greyvedole inter pratum . . . domine Gonore et Tunmanne medwe*, and the last two words can only relate to the common meadow of the village. The passage thus supplies a new example of the elusive word *tunman* which must be postulated in order to account for the Norman *villanus*. The charter is late, but the origin of the phrase certainly lies beyond the Norman Conquest, and it appears in a form which shows that its meaning was still understood in the thirteenth century. In a late twelfth-century charter (Cott. Vesp. E. xviii. 75) Ralf de Amundeville speaks of ten acres of meadow at Carlton le Moorland in Lincolnshire *in Est eng simul in uno loco qui vocatur Adeleng in sud parte quod ante les landsetles tenuerunt et postea reddiderunt mihi*.

<sup>1</sup> No. 185, by which Earl William of Lincoln granted to Kirkstead abbey such common pasture in Wildmore fen as belonged to him and his land, is the earliest extant original charter relating to the fens of Lincolnshire.

<sup>2</sup> No. 452.

<sup>3</sup> No. 359.

<sup>4</sup> Nos. 121, 125, 137, 134, 131.

forty acres *in terra et in nemore* within defined boundaries,<sup>1</sup> and in the centre of Lincolnshire essart and woodland are again associated in the gift by Roland of Woodhall to Kirkstead abbey of his whole demesne wood and essart in Roughton.<sup>2</sup> The same process was at work in the south of the county: it is naively expressed in a Sempringham charter which refers to a *cultura* at Hawthorpe, 'which in old time when it was a wood was called Simildehae'.<sup>3</sup> It is highly probable that the *cultura* called Heriereshaghe, a name of similar formation, which Greenfield priory possessed at Ailby<sup>4</sup> had once been woodland. There is no doubt that these essarts were all intended for several cultivation, and that a considerable step towards the establishment of individualistic husbandry was taken in this way.<sup>5</sup>

It is also evident that much woodland, still unreclaimed, was held in severalty; the rhythmical formula which adds appurtenances *in bosco et plano* to a conveyance of arable is in general the only contemporary witness to the common woodlands of the twelfth century. That shares in a village woodland were divided between the several lords of the village is proved by one of the charters quoted in the last paragraph. The essart in or near Rigsby which Gilbert son of Herbert gave to the nuns of Greenfield extended towards the west as far as the wood of Burgefin and towards the south as far as the wood of Rocelin son of Richard.<sup>6</sup> Rigsby in 1086 had been divided between Herbert tenant of the Archbishop of York, whose son Gilbert was the grantor of this charter, and Losward tenant of the Bishop of Bayeux, who was succeeded in turn by his son Richard and by Richard's son Rocelin. Both the lord's power of alienation and the practical considerations which might impede its exercise are shown in a grant of woodland in the Bullington series.<sup>7</sup> When Philip of Kyme exchanged with the nuns his wood called Wulvedale for another wood formerly given them by William son of Ivo, he was careful to make a precise gift of

<sup>1</sup> No. 148.

<sup>2</sup> No. 198.

<sup>3</sup> No. 438. In 1150 William de Rennes gave his wood called Fredegestehae at Kirkby Underwood to the nuns of Sempringham to cultivate or not at their pleasure. (Add. Chart. 21137.)

<sup>4</sup> No. 180.

<sup>5</sup> In a charter relating to the extreme north of Lincolnshire, No. 349, Gilbert de Gant refers to *brueria culta et inculta* in the territory of Barton on Humber. The word *brueria* is often used in Lincolnshire charters to denote waste, rough, land. Cf. *English Historical Review*, xxxiii. 347.

<sup>6</sup> No. 121. In the same charter Gilbert son of Herbert granted to the nuns whatever he had in Wlfrichag, presumably a wood near Ailby. In No. 123 Joelin son of Rocelin of Rigsby confirmed to the nuns all that his father had in Wlfrichehaga.

<sup>7</sup> No. 10.



free access to the wood through the territories of Bullington, Wragby, and Langton, and to add a precept that none of his people should trouble the nuns in despite of his confirmation. Woodland generally lay remote from the village core ; the right of access might become controversial. There must have been many cases in which a donor was quite unable to grant a continuous passage over his own land, and the admission of a stranger by the men of a village to an easement over their strips could not be taken as a matter of course. We could wish to know by what authority rights of way became established when they could not be created by the injunction of an important person like Philip of Kyme.

The rights of common pasture which belonged to the holder of an arable tenement must have been determined by local custom, for they are seldom defined in charters. It was rarely necessary for a donor to make a separate grant of pasture rights. The charters by which Nigel de Mowbray gave to Sulby abbey common pasture in Owston fields and pasture in Melwood, when his beasts and those of his men fed there,<sup>1</sup> are interesting for their distinction between pasture over the fields and in the woodland, and were granted under somewhat exceptional circumstances. Owston is in the Isle of Axholme, of which Nigel was the chief lord ; his men of various degrees had been making gifts in the neighbourhood to the abbey. The idea that the common rights enjoyed by a landholder should be determined by the extent of his arable tenement is often expressed in charters, but no charter affords any information as to the organization by which the apportionment of common was effected. So long as the integrity of the bovaté shares in the common fields was maintained this apportionment could proceed automatically. But the practice of granting away small parcels of arable carrying common rights must have called for some deliberate adjustment, and this practice was frequent in the twelfth century. When, for example, Geoffrey son of Bertram granted to Kirkstead abbey eight acres of arable in Snelland and common pasture in the fields of that village *quantum pertinet ad tantumdem terram de libero feodo meo*,<sup>2</sup> or Geoffrey of Walmsgate granted to Bullington priory six acres in Hackthorn *et omnem communitatem ad eandem terram pertinentem*,<sup>3</sup> some decision must have been reached in the village as to what that pasture ought to be. Eight acres and six acres do not

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 395, 396.

<sup>2</sup> No. 222.

<sup>3</sup> No. 42.

stand in any simple relation to a twenty-acre bovaté. Snelland and Hackthorn were under divided lordship, there was no seignorial court competent to make a rule of general application to the whole of either village. One consequence of the disintegration of tenements must have been a habit of resort to a village meeting for the determination of common rights.<sup>1</sup>

But questions of this kind might often pass beyond the competence even of a village meeting. Two villages or more might be involved, for there is plenty of evidence to prove a habit of intercommoning. In most cases, perhaps, the practice meant no more than the depasturing of cattle upon a neutral waste, but it is certain that the men of one village might sometimes enjoy pasture rights over the common fields of another village. Most of the evidence which bears upon this matter comes from the thirteenth and later centuries, but from the first decade of Henry II's reign there has been preserved a document which shows the arable fields of two villages treated as common for the stock of two contracting parties. It was thereby agreed that the cattle of the monks of Kirkstead and of Aubrey wife of Ralf son of Hacon should common together over the fields of Gayton le Wold and Grimblethorpe except for two stretches of pasture to east and west respectively of the latter village, from which the cattle of the monks were excluded.<sup>2</sup> Such cases deserve to be recorded, for it is probable that they are often due to the formation of new villages within a set of fields which retains its unity for purposes of common.<sup>3</sup> In any case, they raise some very curious and difficult problems of local agrarian organization.

In the charters of this collection, as is usual, the selion is the common unit of arable division.<sup>4</sup> The word is an importation,

<sup>1</sup> That the men of a Lincolnshire village might become uneasy at the prospect of overstocking appears from a document of Henry II's reign entered in the Kirkstead cartulary. Stephen the chamberlain, who had given his land in Westlaby to the abbey, thought it well to make a supplementary charter promising that if he or his heirs were unable to warrant to the monks pasture in Westlaby *contra vicinos per illam libertatem que dicitur horn wyd horn* the monks should receive pasture for 200 sheep by the great hundred in the fields of Wickenby (Cott. Vesp. E. xviii. 124 b). <sup>2</sup> No. 165.

<sup>3</sup> Unless the formulas of local charters are wantonly deceptive the three villages of Oasby Aisby and Heydour participated in the same arable territory. Add. Chart. 6379, for example, records the conveyance of one selion of arable *in campis de Haydur Aseby et Asedeby, iacentem in Middilfurlang*. Other charters, e.g. Add. Chart. 6374, 6380, 6385, prove that this formula is not a mere mistake. It is suggestive that in Domesday the assessments of these three villages amount to a total of twelve carucates, a twelve-carucate 'hundred'.

<sup>4</sup> No. 233 proves that strips of marsh could also be described as *seliones*.



and its ubiquitous employment has almost obliterated the ancient peasant terminology of the open fields. Two charters in the Bullington series suggest that already in the twelfth century the open field strip was commonly known as a land;<sup>1</sup> the word is still applied to the parallel sinuous ridges, now under grass, which represent the strips of ancient arable. The most interesting survival of open field terminology in these charters occurs in the passage by which Walter de Crasci grants to the nuns of Bullington *decem hacras terre et dimidiam stanc* in Redbourne.<sup>2</sup> The stong is the northern acre; the employment of the word in this passage to denote a smaller division of land probably represents some local and independent usage. The *gedale* of arable, which is recorded in a Nottinghamshire land book of 956,<sup>3</sup> does not reappear in any original charter of the twelfth century:<sup>4</sup> the *daila* in Grainthorpe which Helias Moysant gave to Gikell of Yarburgh was probably a piece of meadow or marsh.<sup>5</sup> The word is certainly compounded in the name Dunnesdaile, which was applied to a stretch of meadow in Roughton reckoned to be ten acres.<sup>6</sup> But with the rarest of exceptions clerks were willing to describe individual parcels of arable in terms of the indefinite selion.

It was indefinite both in quality and quantity. William son of Eudo in exchanging a selion at Reasby with the monks of Kirkstead was careful to insert in his charter the clause *Quantum selio quem dedi eis est melior selione quem dederunt mihi totum dedi predictis monachis*.<sup>7</sup> In general, the numerous charter references to these strips give little support to any theory which

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 42 and 46. In the former charter six acres of arable are described as lying in nine *terrae* and two *percatae*; in the latter, four acres of arable comprised four *terrae* and two *seilones*.

<sup>2</sup> No. 93.

<sup>3</sup> Car. Sax. 1029; Farrer, *Early Yorkshire Charters*, no. 2. Cf. Vinogradoff, *English Society in the Eleventh Century*, 281; Stenton, *Types of Manorial Structure*, 78-80.

<sup>4</sup> It fortunately happens that the Blyth cartulary (Harl. MS. 3759, f. 104) includes two charters which prove that the *gedales* of arable, in the sense of dispersed strips, were still recognized in central Nottinghamshire at the end of the twelfth century. The second of these charters describes a bovate of demesne in Elksley as lying in nineteen parcels and comprising twenty-five *dalae* and one rood. As the Nottinghamshire bovate seems to have been comparatively small (*ante*, p. xxvii, note 10) the individual *dala* must have contained upon an average much less than an acre. A charter of Simon de Chaney entered in the Alvingham cartulary refers to *x<sup>sem</sup> et viii dailes de terra arabili que numerantur pro xxi acris* at Swinhope in Lincolnshire (Laud MS. 642, f. 145 b).

<sup>5</sup> No. 169.

<sup>6</sup> No. 194.

<sup>7</sup> No. 217.

would plot out village fields neatly into even roods or half acres. In three charters relating to small parcels of land at Eakring in Nottinghamshire we read of an acre distributed among four scattered selions, of an acre composed of three selions lying together, of four selions which are reckoned to be half an acre.<sup>1</sup> It is impossible to fix any superior limit to the size of the selion. William Berner of Habrough speaks of a selion which was Ingelberd's, having three acres, in that village.<sup>2</sup> The indefiniteness of the selion invited encroachment. Geoffrey son of Bertram gave to Kirkstead abbey eight acres in Snelland by the perch of eighteen feet with the express statement *Hos xii seliones dedi predictis monachis pro octo acris sive plus sive minus fuerit in eis ita ut nec ego nec aliquis heredum meorum unquam possit subtrahere aliquid de hiis xii selionibus*.<sup>3</sup> A similar formula occurs in an early charter from the Newhouse series in which after certain parcels of land have been defined we are told that altogether they are six acres or a little more or less.<sup>4</sup> The irregularity of the selion is a commonplace of Elizabethan and Jacobean surveys, where it may be explained by purchase, exchange, or encroachment. But the Danelaw selions as revealed in charters had developed their irregularity already before the end of the twelfth century, and they do not look as if they had diverged from any standard type. The men who plotted these strips seem quite careless not merely about achieving uniformity but about conforming to a scale of area based on the acre. Irregular selions, it is plain, must not be taken as a symptom of the decay of the open field system.

Sometimes, though less often than one could wish, a careful donor in defining the land of his gift will state the length of the perch by which it is to be measured.<sup>5</sup> We may safely speak of

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 355, 351, 352.

<sup>2</sup> No. 271. It is suggestive that the donor promises to make up whatever is lacking from three acres in that selion.

<sup>3</sup> No. 222.

<sup>4</sup> No. 258.

<sup>5</sup> The precise area of a selion is very rarely set down in a twelfth-century charter. The definitions of strips as acres, half acres, and the like are best understood as estimates founded on the breadth of the strips. Helto of Snelland makes this clear for once by speaking of a selion *qui habet latitudinem dimidia acrae* (No. 223). But there exists in the Kirkstead cartulary a little group of charters in which the area of a considerable number of selions is defined with an exactitude which could only have been possible after a deliberate measurement. A bovat, for example, in Dunholme, given by Thorold de Nevill to the abbey, comprised twenty-nine selions (Cott. Vesp. E. xviii. 194 b). Five of them consisted of an exact half acre each, two contained half an acre and 40 *perticatae*, that is three



measurement in such cases ; if Ralf son of Stephen of Holland describes a gift to Kirkstead abbey as a bovaté of cultivable land in Snelland, being twenty acres by the perch of eighteen feet,<sup>1</sup> he certainly intended that some authorized person should go over those fields with a rod. For some reason the various people who gave land in Snelland to Kirkstead abbey were unusually precise in defining the perch which should be applied to their gifts. Geoffrey son of Bertram of Snelland states that the monks shall receive a certain selion there for half an acre by the perch of eighteen feet.<sup>2</sup> Helto of Snelland makes three separate grants of five, twenty, and thirty-nine acres respectively by the same perch.<sup>3</sup> Precision of this sort is rare. The most interesting of all references to the Danelaw perch occurs in another Kirkstead charter, already quoted, which refers to half a carucate in Swinethorpe, a hamlet adjacent to Snelland, *per perticam eiusdem ville*,<sup>4</sup> for it suggests that in each village a traditional village rod determined the breadth of the local selion. In any case there is no sign during the twelfth century of any attempt to make the local perch conform to any royal, official standard ;<sup>5</sup> there are plenty of passages in thirteenth-century charters to show the persistent diversities of rods. It is also probable that a collection of the mediaeval perches used in the Danelaw would show an average perch considerably in excess of the modern standard. In Lincolnshire, at any rate, a large bovaté was generally measured by a long rod.

In charters conveying small parcels of land some attempt was generally made, even in the twelfth century, at the identification of individual strips. In general it may be said that the earlier the charter the more concise will be its notes of identification. Draftsmen were slow to understand that no strip has

roods, each, one amounted to just an acre, another to an acre and a half, a third to two acres. Six of the remainder were defined in three groups of two selions each, comprising one acre and 46 *perticatae*, half an acre and 25 *perticatae*, half an acre and 7 *perticatae*, respectively. The smallest individual selion in the bovaté amounted to 57 *perticatae*, the largest, apart from the solitary two-acre strip, to one and a half acres and 55 *perticatae*. A different area is assigned to each of the eleven selions which remain. As this charter cannot be later than the year 1200 and probably comes from the reign of Henry II, it would be difficult to find the record of any earlier measurement of the component parts of an open field bovaté.

<sup>1</sup> No. 229.

<sup>2</sup> No. 221.

<sup>3</sup> Nos. 223, 226, 224.

<sup>4</sup> No. 219.

<sup>5</sup> A feudal standard might be adopted sometimes. Early in the thirteenth century Kirkstead abbey received twenty acres in Ulceby by Fordington *per perticam de feodo de Gaunt* (Cott. Vesp. E. xviii. 23).

been adequately defined until its abutments have been stated and the holders of adjacent strips have been named. Their experimental\* formulas are sometimes interesting from their very crudity; the man who wrote *iiii seliones ab occidente mete de Westladebi proximos eidem mete preter iiii seliones qui sunt inter illam metam et illos iiii seliones et extenduntur in longum usque ad metam de Fulnotebi*<sup>1</sup> was an experienced writer of charters, but there was no common form of topographical description on which he could draw. Most of his contemporaries avoid such painful attempts at precision. Their methods may conveniently be studied in the series of charters which convey small gifts in Hackthorn to Bullington priory.<sup>2</sup> The strips are always identified by reference to some topographical feature on or near which they lay; frequently the holder of one adjacent strip is named, very rarely a note of the direction of abutment is inserted.<sup>3</sup> It should be added that the method of identification is no absolute criterion of the date of a charter: in the same document we can sometimes watch a draftsman gradually becoming careless of accuracy as he worked his way through the selions which he had to describe. In this as in other respects the draftsmanship of the thirteenth century attains precision in losing individuality.

All this means that we cannot expect to find any conclusive twelfth-century evidence of a distribution of strips according to a consistent sequence of holders. Traces of such a rota are at no time frequent in this region.<sup>4</sup> The Danelaw in general, Lincolnshire in particular, was a region full of small land-holders with the power of alienating their tenements in whole or in part, a power of which they were already taking advantage

<sup>1</sup> No. 223.

<sup>2</sup> Nos. 33 to 36, and 40 to 46.

<sup>3</sup> The detailed specification of the selions composing the twenty acres in Snelland given by Helto of Snelland to Kirkstead abbey in No. 226 illustrates the standard of definition adopted by a careful draftsman in the last years of the twelfth century. The holder of the adjacent strips on either side is named in each case, but it is not thought necessary to take note of abutments.

<sup>4</sup> An original rota is suggested by the local arrangements described in Harl. Chart. 46 D. 29 which belongs to the reign of Henry III, and relates to Beesby in the Marsh in Lincolnshire. By this charter Walter son of Benedict gave to Gilbert his son seventeen acres of arable and five pieces of meadow. The arable lay in twenty-two parcels: in nine instances the land of William le messor adjoined Walter's holding on the north, in eight instances on the west, in one instance on the east. Four of the five pieces of meadow were bounded by William's pieces to the west and the fifth was so bounded to the north. The land of Ralf of Beesby adjoined ten parcels of Walter's arable, and in all cases Walter's meadow bordered that of Ralf.



at an early date. From the nature of the conditions, the record of such grants as were made in the first half of the twelfth century has only in the rarest instances been preserved. These grants are likely to have been made before a wapentake which kept no records or by a symbolical transfer in the presence of a lord. It is also probable that the testimony of witnesses to seisin was taken to be the best of all evidence of the execution of a gift. It is only in some such way as this that we can explain the rarity of early charters relating to the property of religious houses like Bardney, Crowland, and Spalding, which were already in being in the first years of the twelfth century. There is much to suggest that the reduction of grants to writing first became a common practice in this region in the time of Stephen. The earliest charter in this book, that namely by which Rannulf de Bayeux gave the land of Suen of Kirkby Underwood to Alan of Rippingale,<sup>1</sup> seems to come from the closing years of Henry I. The experimental character of the formulas used in grants which belong to the middle of the century would of itself suggest that conveyance by charter was then something of an innovation.

In and after the time of Henry II the charter evidence is copious. And as time goes on we obtain among records of enfeoffment and grants in alms an increasing body of charters which prove that people are selling parcels of land to one another. Probably the earliest, and certainly the most remarkable record of a twelfth-century sale of land in this region is the charter by which Gilbert Testar states that he has sold to William of Grainsby four selions for a load of wheat *qua hora vendebatur pro iii solidis*, and an acre and a half for two loads of wheat, a quarter of wheat, and eighteen pence, also at the time when the load was sold for three shillings.<sup>2</sup> Before the end of the century, Hamelin the clerk of Yarburch speaks of ten acres of meadow in Grainthorpe which are of his purchase<sup>3</sup>: in the year in which Hugh de Puiset bishop of Durham went the way of all flesh, Thomas the chaplain of Thurlby by Bourne gave to the nuns of St. Michael's at Stamford six acres of arable and one acre of meadow in Thurlby which he bought with his own money from a certain Hugh Truan.<sup>4</sup> That a religious house, wishing to consolidate its holdings, should take advantage of this power of sale was inevitable. Bullington priory for three marks and forty pence bought eight acres of arable and five

<sup>1</sup> No. 468.<sup>2</sup> No. 477.<sup>3</sup> No. 170.<sup>4</sup> No. 450.

swathes of meadow in Hackthorn from Remi son of Remi,<sup>1</sup> Robert Scakel for a sum that is not stated sold four selions at Eakring in Nottinghamshire to Rufford abbey.<sup>2</sup> These cases are enough to illustrate the way in which the traditional shares in the common fields and meadows might disintegrate in the hands of holders who had come to feel the need of ready money. It is not strange that the traces of a regular distribution of the strips in the village fields among the landholders of the village are generally confused beyond recognition.

None of these charters happens to contain a statement that the buyer is to replace the seller in the scale of tenure, although all of them may best be interpreted in this way. The interpretation is confirmed by other charters which definitely assert this replacement. In the reign of Henry II John de Calli states that he has sold to Maud, wife of Matthew of Humby, for two marks of silver, two bovates in Cadwell which he held of Harold son of Robert, so that Maud will thenceforward hold of Harold at a rent of a pound of pepper yearly.<sup>3</sup> Maud, it is added, has bought this land so that she may sell or give it to whomsoever she will. Of slightly later date are two charters derived from the records of St. Michael's priory at Stamford.<sup>4</sup> In one, Dru son of Ralf confirms to Stephen son of Roger, at a yearly rent of a pair of gilt spurs, the land at Luffenham in Rutland which Walter de Normannia held of Dru and sold to Stephen so that the latter should hold of Dru and his heirs. In the other, Stephen himself grants a rent of one mark from this land to the nuns of St. Michael's, charging it with the render of those gilt spurs to William son of Dru. We may certainly believe that such transactions were much commoner than are the charters which have survived to bear witness to them. Moreover the gage of land was known in this region in the time of Henry II. An interesting charter in the Bullington series states that one Helewisa daughter of Ate gave a bovate in Torrington to Philip of Kyme in gage for ten pounds of silver, and that Philip granted this land to Bullington priory to hold until Helewisa or her heirs had repaid the debt, on condition that the house should discharge the forinsec service due to Roger Mustel, of whose fee Herewisa may be presumed to have held.<sup>5</sup> It would seem that the priory remained in possession of the land, for Philip's gift was confirmed in a later charter by William Mustel, Roger's son.<sup>6</sup> It is also important to observe that a

<sup>1</sup> No. 43.

<sup>2</sup> No. 352.

<sup>3</sup> No. 478.

<sup>4</sup> Nos. 445, 446.

<sup>5</sup> No. 103.

<sup>6</sup> No. 104.



lord who had ready money at command might find occasion to employ it in his dealings with his own tenants. Philip of Kyme, for example, speaks of two bovates in Bullington which were given by his father to Richard Noreis, bought from Richard's son Alan by Philip himself, given by him to Walter of Barton, bought back again, and finally given in alms to Bullington priory.<sup>1</sup> If the prevalence of a money economy gave to the free tenant the power of dealing very much at pleasure with his holding, it also gave to the lord the power of reshaping the organization of his fief.<sup>2</sup>

There was certainly plenty of ready money circulating in the twelfth-century Danelaw. Considerable estates were being held at a money rent. The prior and convent of Norwich granted their land of Scampton and Thorpe in the Fallows to Kirkstead abbey for ten pounds of silver to be rendered yearly in their chapter.<sup>3</sup> The influence of the currency upon the services and status of the peasantry will be discussed in another place, here it need only be observed that men of every class were familiar with the use of money in ordinary transactions. It is of course impossible to obtain any accurate measure of the volume of this currency. That it was very considerable may be inferred both from the great sums of which account was made at the Exchequer and also from the documents which relate to large payments made by private persons. In one case it is possible to see something of the arrangements by which a heavy payment due to the king was actually discharged.<sup>4</sup> In 1191 Bullington priory compounded a debt of £400 at the Exchequer for £304 to be paid off in instalments of £5 yearly. It is very suggestive that the charter which records these facts is endorsed with the words *De termino magni debiti Aaron*. Aaron, the most famous of Lincoln Jews, had died in the previous year; the Exchequer was now the collector of his debts.<sup>5</sup> The charter goes on to assert that Philip of Kyme was bound to pay to the priory sixty

<sup>1</sup> No. 9.

<sup>2</sup> The numerous thirteenth-century charters which show a lord resuming possession of holdings by buying them from the sitting tenant are good evidence of security of tenure in the lower stages of the feudal system. Soon after 1200 Roger the constable of Chester gave no less than a hundred pounds of silver to William son of Richard of Skegness for two bovates in Skegness and Burgh le Marsh of which William had been his tenant (Ancient Deeds L. 2401). The price seems exorbitant, but land along the coast of Lincolnshire was very valuable.

<sup>3</sup> No. 207, confirmed by the bishop of Norwich in No. 208.

<sup>4</sup> No. 49.

<sup>5</sup> Nos. 322 and 323 refer to Aaron as having formerly been in possession of nine virgates at Belgrave in Leicestershire.

shillings towards its annual charge of £5 until it was acquitted of the whole debt, and that he had appointed these sixty shillings to be paid in two yearly instalments by Sibil of Benniworth and Gilbert her son out of the rent which they owed for the land which they held of him in East Halton. In another charter made a few years later,<sup>1</sup> Gilbert of Benniworth states that by Philip's appointment he will pay sixty shillings a year to Bullington priory and twenty shillings to Simon, Philip's son, out of the rent which Roger his father had owed to Philip for the land of Halton on Humber, Simon relieving him from the payment of the twenty shillings which remained. The transaction, if complicated, is intelligible; but it is worth noting that if this second charter alone had been preserved it would have been taken for an ordinary creation of a rent charge in favour of a religious house; no one would have suspected that the figure of Aaron the Jew stood in the background.

But the irregular distribution of shares in the common fields is not merely due to a habit of regarding land as a vendible commodity. The rise of the new monasteries of the twelfth century gave a new value to the possession of land, it could be alienated for the health of one's soul. The ancient religious houses of the region had been overthrown by its Scandinavian invaders. The movement of monastic foundation which began with the establishment of Spalding and Belvoir priories in the eleventh century, and received a sudden acceleration in the time of Stephen, had social consequences of great importance. The gifts of men and women of rank formed the greater portion of the endowments of these houses, but villeins<sup>2</sup> and free peasants contributed their share: a great part of the evidence which reveals in this region a class of men of small estate but competent to make grants by charter comes from monastic archives. Apart altogether from the direct influence of the monastery as an institution with accumulated wealth and a corresponding ability to purchase, the execution of many hundreds of small gifts within what is really a short term of years must profoundly have modified men's conception of property in land. The practice of alienation for immaterial benefits must have raised the rights of the grantor's heir in an

<sup>1</sup> No. 50.

<sup>2</sup> Charters which prove that a monastery has received gifts from the unfree are naturally rare, but No. 101 below is a definite example. Its evidence is supported by that of a text in the Alvingham cartulary in which Amfrid of Haugh confirms to that house the land which his *rustici* had given it in Little Cawthorpe near Louth (Laud MS. 642, f. 136).



acute form; the solidarity of a family inheritance dissolves when its members begin to make gifts *nichil mihi uel hereditibus meis retinens nisi eternam retributionem*.<sup>1</sup> The fact that by far the greater number of the earliest extant charters issued by men of modest social standing are grants to monasteries is not entirely explained either by the preference of a monastery for the expression of a gift in writing or by the comparative security of its muniments. These gifts were inspired by the one motive strong enough to override the claims of a man's heirs and to compel his lord's assent.

Few of these new monasteries ever attained to great territorial lordship. Their estates were generally composed of small parcels of land scattered over many villages. The character of these estates and the way in which they were acquired are illustrated at an unusually early date by the detailed charters of confirmation issued in favour of Newhouse abbey by Bishop Robert of Lincoln.<sup>2</sup> The lands of this house had come to it in small gifts from many persons, they were distributed over a great part of north-east Lincolnshire, with outlying tenements at Broadholme on the Nottinghamshire border and at Norton Disney by the Witham, and they were sometimes charged with rents payable to their grantors. The early endowments of other monasteries in this region have not been so compactly described for us, but there is no doubt that they conformed to the same general type. The economic position of the Danelaw monasteries differed essentially from that of the older and greater monasteries of the south. The endowments of such houses as Shaftesbury and Abingdon had played a part, in the case of Abingdon an important part, in determining the agrarian conditions of the counties in which they lay; the endowments of Kirkstead abbey or of the priories of Greenfield or Bullington were assimilated to an agrarian scheme, of which the broad outlines were already established.<sup>3</sup> Both in the smallness of

<sup>1</sup> This formula is employed in all the three charters below which confer gifts upon Monks Kirby priory (Nos. 422-4). In the first of these charters the donor also reserves a yearly rent of twelve pence.

<sup>2</sup> Nos. 237 to 240, especially the latter. From No. 118 it would appear that the original endowment of Greenfield priory comprised a church, two *culturæ*, sixteen acres of meadow, a wood, three undefined parcels of land, and the tithe of a mill.

<sup>3</sup> The group of charters (Nos. 144 to 147) relating to the property of Greenfield priory at Marston near Grantham illustrates the way in which a monastery might deal with an isolated holding in a remote village. Marston is thirty miles from Greenfield priory, and all the other rural property of that house lay in the east of Lincolnshire. The nuns received 4 bovates of the fee of Richard de Haia

their component tenements and in their sporadic distribution over the country there is a curious resemblance between the monastic estates of the twelfth century and the smaller lay properties of the eleventh. It was exceptional for a religious house to obtain possession of an entire village in the Danelaw, but already in the year 1200 there were few villages in this region in which no religious house held land.

The disturbance of the traditional order of the open fields which followed the entry of the new monastic owner was much increased by the fact that the Danelaw monasteries all received a considerable portion of their endowments in very small parcels. The charters which confer bovates or larger holdings upon a religious house are far outnumbered by those which individually pass no more than a few scattered acres. It is easy to underestimate the cumulative importance of these minute gifts. They were often omitted from royal and episcopal charters of confirmation, and after a monastery had been dissolved no one was especially concerned to take care of its more insignificant title deeds. The gradual development of a monastic holding within a village may be observed in the group of seventeen charters which relate to the estate of Greenfield priory at Ailby near Alford.<sup>1</sup> Twelve of them were issued by kinsfolk of one Angot of Ailby, men who certainly belonged to the wealthier section of rural society. But their individual gifts were always small; various parcels of wood and essart, an acre and a half to the north of Trente sic, half an acre and half a perch between the land of Gilbert de Campanihe and that of Gilbert Kide, half an acre in the place called Rucholm, a selion between the *cultura* of the convent and the donor's land.<sup>2</sup> Gifts of this sort must be maintained for a long time

(cf. *D. B. i.* 357) from Jordan of Ashby (No. 144), and proceeded to lease them to Haverholme priory, which had other land in the same district, for 2 shillings and 5 pence a year (No. 145). Upon receiving, apparently from William son of Amfrid of Haugh, a later gift of 6 bovates in the same place of Maurice de Craon's fee (cf. *D. B. i.* 367), the nuns executed a second charter leasing the whole ten bovates which they had now obtained in Marston to Haverholme priory for six shillings yearly. The latter priory undertook the burden of the heavy charges which lay upon this property, two shillings a year to Jordan of Ashby and Walter of Fillingham respectively for the four bovates of Richard de Haia's fee, and half a mark a year for the six bovates of the Craon fee (No. 146).

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 121 to 137.

<sup>2</sup> Nos. 124 to 135. In No. 122 the gifts of Herbert of Ailby and Gunter son of Angot his *nepos* are confirmed by Herbert son of Gilbert son of Herbert of Rigsby, a tenant of the Archbishop of York. In 1086 three bovates in Ailby, with four bovates in Rigsby and a carucate in Tothby, had been sokeland



before they amount to a holding of material value, but time was on the side of the religious house, and the property of Greenfield priory in this village was steadily increased by similar grants during considerably more than a century.

It is probable that Ailby was a small place in the twelfth century; it has almost vanished from the modern map. The growth of monastic property within the territory of a large village is illustrated by the group of charters which convey land in Hackthorn to Bullington priory. It begins with a confirmation by William Foliot of eight acres of arable, one acre of meadow, and common pasture for a hundred sheep, six cows, and as many calves formerly given by his tenant, William son of Helewise.<sup>1</sup> From Ralf Foliot and Eda his wife the priory received an acre of arable, Alexander Foliot added five acres of arable and one acre of meadow.<sup>2</sup> Robert of Wendover and Juliana his wife gave two acres of arable and seven and a half *andenae* of meadow,<sup>3</sup> Amable de Crevequer gave two acres of arable,<sup>4</sup> Gilbert son of Pagan gave three acres of arable in consideration for a fine made before the justices itinerant in 1187.<sup>5</sup> In a document of unusual form,<sup>6</sup> Remi son of Remi recorded the sale of eight acres of arable and five swathes of meadow *in perpetuam possessionem iure hereditario possidendam*, his brother Adam gave an acre and a rood and a half of arable and two and a half roods of meadow by one charter, an acre of arable by another.<sup>7</sup> Richard son of Thomas, with the assent of his wife and eldest son, gave four acres of arable and two roods of meadow,<sup>8</sup> Geoffrey of Walmesgate, by a charter which is obviously of unpractised draftsmanship,<sup>9</sup> gave six acres of arable, by another charter of normal type he gave six selions more.<sup>10</sup> These charters record only a portion of the gifts which the priory had received in Hackthorn by the year 1200, but they show how an estate might be developed by the gradual accretion of small parcels of land. They also illustrate the co-operation of men of various social ranks in the work of monastic endowment. Geoffrey of Walmesgate, Richard son of Thomas, and the sons of Remi stand low in the scale of tenures; they authenticate their charters with the common peasant seal of the fleur-de-lys;

of the archbishop's manor of Rigsby, with a total population of seven sokemen, two villeins, and one bordar (*D. B. i. 339 b*). It is highly probable that Gunter son of Angot and Herbert of Ailby represent one or more of the seven sokemen of 1086.

<sup>1</sup> No. 32.

<sup>2</sup> Nos. 33 and 34.

<sup>3</sup> No. 36.

<sup>4</sup> No. 40.

<sup>5</sup> No. 22.

<sup>6</sup> No. 43.

<sup>7</sup> Nos. 44 and 45.

<sup>8</sup> No. 46.

<sup>9</sup> No. 42.

<sup>10</sup> No. 41.

it is probable that they would rank as sokemen in a local extent.<sup>1</sup> Other charters made by their contemporaries within the village are entered in the abbreviated transcript,<sup>2</sup> which is all that remains to us of the Bullington cartulary.<sup>3</sup>

The forces which were making for the dissolution of tenements during the twelfth century were numerous and powerful, but they do not by themselves explain the irregularity with which shares were distributed over the open fields. From the time when the lands of this region were first plotted out by its Scandinavian invaders the distribution of shares must to some extent have reflected the wealth and station of those who held them. No doubt the fields of a village inhabited only by sokemen and their immediate dependants, a type of community of which more than thirty examples are recorded in the Lincolnshire Domesday, may well have been at one time distributed in equal holdings, each possessed by one man, and each dispersed in strips, whose sequence was determined by a pre-arranged rota. It must be added that no direct evidence of this ideal symmetry has hitherto been observed. It is not only that the universal expression of tenements in terms of the bovate may conceal much division and accumulation. The shares in a village might differ not only in acreage but also in the nature of their distribution upon the soil. Between the individual selion and the great arable field there came that intermediate division of land known in Latin as the *cultura* or *quarentena*, in English as the wong or furlong,<sup>4</sup> a division which may roughly be defined as a group of parallel strips, recognized as distinct by local usage and generally called by its own name.<sup>5</sup> And with the

<sup>1</sup> The wife of Adam son of Remi bore the native name Brictiva (OE. *Beorhtgifu*), No. 45.

<sup>2</sup> Add. MS. 6118, pp. 375-423.

<sup>3</sup> In addition to the texts which have been quoted the same series includes two charters recording the conveyance of men to the priory which will be discussed below (Nos. 37 and 39), and two documents relating to the rights of the priory in the village church (Nos. 30 and 31). The first of these is interesting as evidence that the language of charters must not be construed with rigorous precision. In form a grant by William of Otringham of a moiety of the church, it is proved by other documents of which the originals are not extant (Add. MS. 6118, p. 411 b) to be really a confirmation of the moiety formerly given by William's tenant Hubert son of Wigot, the Hubert of Hackthorn of No. 31. The name of Wigot, Hubert's father, proves that he was a man of native descent, and thus makes an addition to the list of such men who are known to have occupied positions of local importance in the twelfth century.

<sup>4</sup> The former word is compounded in Kirkewane, which occurs as the name of a *cultura* in No. 109, and in Bolandwang, the name of a *cultura* in No. 133.

<sup>5</sup> In No. 552 the word *cultura* seems to bear a more general sense. The phrase



normal tenement which lay uniformly dispersed in scattered strips must be contrasted the quite distinct type of holding which was composed in whole or in part of entire *culturæ*.

Now the charters in this collection make a distinct contribution to the evidence which suggests that the demesnes of lords in the twelfth century tended to conform to this latter type. There is always a strong presumption that a man who makes his gifts in *culturæ* will be found to stand high in the scale of feudal tenure. It rarely happens that a *cultura* is assigned to any peasant landholder of native descent, and of the few instances to be observed, some are probably due to an abnormal treatment of the arable. If Thomas of Beesby describes his *cultura* called Fenwang in Thoresthorpe as lying between the *cultura* of Saleby church and that of Roger son of Gippe,<sup>1</sup> this may have been, because to drain the fields of this marshland hamlet it had been necessary to divide them by dykes into compact blocks. On the other hand, no charter in this book suggests that the demesne of which it speaks lay distributed in strips, that the lord was associated in a rota with his men. The lord's land lay dispersed, but in furlongs not in strips; it is in *culturæ* or parts of *culturæ* that gifts are made from the demesne,<sup>2</sup> that the demesne is assessed for tithe. William Mustel, for example, warrants to the nuns of Bullington all the tithes of Torrington *exceptis duabus garbis de carrucis meis de culturis quas ego proprio cultu et sumptu excoluero quas monachi de Angers habent solummodo de blado et fabis et pisis et de nulla alia re.*<sup>3</sup> And in one of the earliest charters in this collection the son of a Domesday tenant in chief makes a most suggestive rearrangement of the fields under his authority. The fields lay in Great Sturton, and their lord Hugh son of Eudo<sup>4</sup> granted

*'vii acras prati . . . in pratis de Escopholme de cultura de Hecham'* may best be rendered 'seven acres of meadow in the meadows of Seupholme belonging to the tilled lands of Haugham'. But such a usage is rare.

<sup>1</sup> No. 154. A charter relating to Graby in south Lincolnshire speaks of two selions *iuxta culturam Acche* (No. 467). At Eakring in Nottinghamshire, Rufford abbey received five acres and a rood *contiguas illi culture que fuit Wlsi de Wirnesfeld*, No. 350. The passage is interesting apart from its reference to a peasant's *cultura*, for the Wirnesfeld of the charter represents the unidentified Wirchene-feld of *D. B.* i. 290 b, where Gilbert de Gand had a waste berewick of his manor of Rufford.

<sup>2</sup> A good example of such gifts is recorded in an Alvingham charter of 1147-66 (Laud MS. 642, f. 145 b), by which Simon de Chanci gave to the priory eleven *culturæ* of arable of his demesne in the fields of Swinhope.

<sup>3</sup> No. 105.

<sup>4</sup> Hugh son of Eudo was son of Eudo son of Spirewic. In 1086 Eudo held

half his demesne there to Kirkstead abbey with the explicit provision *quia culture illius mei dominii iacent mixte inter terras hominum meorum et monachi volunt habitare ab aliis remoti ideo congregavi terram dominii mei et terram hominum meorum in extremitate camporum versus Minthinges et dedi illam monachi insimul habendam, et dedi hominibus meis de Stretuna escambium de terra dominii mei pro parte sua terre quam habebant ad libitum eorum*.<sup>1</sup> Charters are not often phrased with this precision, but this does not mean that the distribution of demesne at Great Sturton was in any way exceptional. There is much early evidence to suggest that the demesnes of other lords lay in *culturae*, but intermingled among the lands of their men. The interest of this passage lies in its demonstration that this arrangement existed in a Lincolnshire village in the time of King Stephen and under a lord the next in succession to the Domesday holder of the estate.<sup>2</sup>

a manor in Great Sturton upon which there were five demesne teams (*D. B.* i. 359 b). The evidence of Domesday proves that the Sturton demesnes were not of recent creation at the date of the charter quoted in the text.

<sup>1</sup> No. 202.

<sup>2</sup> The distribution of demesne in *culturae* is illustrated with altogether exceptional precision by a document in the cartulary of Nun Cotham. Before 1167 Lambert de Scoteni gave to that house two sheaves of the tithe of his demesne in Great Limber. A note in a hand later than that of the body of the cartulary, but probably copied from a record contemporary with Lambert's gift, sets out the distribution of this demesne; and the extreme rarity of such evidence makes it desirable to print this note in full here: 'Hee sunt culture terre de dominico domini Lamberti de Scotenay de quibus nobis pertinent due garbe decimacionis in magna Limbergia.

Apud culturam Pigoti. ii culture. vi selionum

Apud Suterros. i cultura xiiii selionum

Apud Berneuang ii culture vi selionum

Apud viam de Seuerby ii culture vi selionum

Apud curiam Arnewi i cultura vii selionum

Apud Berge i cultura iiiii selionum

Apud viam ecclesie i cultura . . . selionum

Apud Stainberg i cultura . . . selionum

Apud Goshuyl ii culture vi selionum.

Apud viam de Keleby due culture vi selionum

Apud Sablones i cultura iiiii selionum

Apud curriam (*sic*) Ricardi filii Rogeri i cultura vii selionum

Item apud Steyneberg .ii. seliones

Item apud Gosheil abutantes super Marlepit vi seliones

Ex parte orientali Limbergie

De toto crofto apud Stubdal ii culture vi selionum

Apud curriam (*sic*) Roberti filii Gerardi i cultura cum tofto eidem pertinente  
iii selionum

Apud Hedesti i cultura vi selionum



## III

THE same series of open fields which included in irregular dispersal the lands of lords and men included in similar fashion the lands of different fees. The feudal history of a village may often be obscure in detail, but in general the tenurial divisions which are recorded in Domesday can still be traced in the feodaries of the thirteenth century.<sup>1</sup> The charters of the twelfth century illustrate the changes of the intervening period and at the same time show that they rarely operated to bring dis-united villages under a single direct control. Moreover, there is no trace in these charters of any general tendency towards the segregation of the lands of a particular tenure in a particular quarter of the village territory. In Snelland, for example, the selions of Henry de Merula, who held of the Bishop of Lincoln, can be seen lying adjacent to those of Helto of Snelland, who held of Stephen the chamberlain.<sup>2</sup> No doubt an effective concentration of power over a village might sometimes be achieved by an under tenant who caused himself to be enfeoffed

Apud Suuduelle i cultura iii selionum

Bilgemarewel vi selionum

Sub Langhuil .ii. culture vi selionum in occidentali campo

Apud Finhou ii culture vi selionum

Apud Blakemildes ii culture vi selionum

Apud Foxholdyle i cultura iiiii selionum

Apud Rosemare ii culture vi selionum

Apud Scardhou i cultura vii selionum in occidentali campo

Apud Bilchemare ii culture vi selionum

Apud Claxhou i cultura xxiiii selionum

Apud Vestmare iii seliones buttant super curiam domini.

[Top. Linc. d 1, f. 26 b.]

<sup>1</sup> The persistence of these divisions is illustrated by the passage in which Bishop Robert of Lincoln confirms to Newhouse abbey the land of Broadholme which belongs to the land of William de Perci and also whatever belongs to the fee of Albreda de Toeni there (Nos. 238, 239 ; cf. No. 240, where William de Albin replaces Albreda de Toeni). In *Domesday* (i. 291 b) a holding of five geldable bovates is assigned to Berenger de Toden and William de Perci. The carucate at Ashby Folville in Leicestershire belonging to Newbold by Loseby, from which Nuneaton priory received a rent of 5 shillings (No. 316), may reasonably be identified with the carucate in Ashby entered in Domesday (i. 233) as an appurtenance of Newbold.

<sup>2</sup> Nos. 226, 234. In No. 218 the Bishop of Lincoln confirms the gifts of Hugh de Merla in Swinthorpe, a hamlet of Snelland, in No. 231 Stephen the chamberlain confirms the gifts of Helto in Snelland. The difficult feudal history of the latter village is discussed by Sir George Sitwell in *The Barons of Pulford*. Twelfth-century charters which prove the contiguity of selions of different fees are rare.

in all its several portions by their various superior lords. There are signs that such a process was at work. The same man could and did hold different estates in the same village of different fees, and it was the immediate lord who mattered most to the cultivators of the soil. But the traces of this process are quite insufficient to prove any general, conscious, movement towards such a concentration of lordship over a village as would affect the life of its inhabitants or the regulation of its common fields.<sup>1</sup> The unity of the village was independent of the organization of the manor.

Now this famous word was avoided by the local clerks of the Danelaw in the twelfth century with a consistency that is in every way remarkable. It was employed twice only in all the charters printed in this book; when earl Rannulf II of Chester granted the whole demesne of his manor of Waddington to Hugh Bardolf;<sup>2</sup> and when archbishop Theobald of Canterbury confirmed the *manerium* of Owston in Leicestershire to the abbey founded in that place.<sup>3</sup> It is highly suggestive that in the grant of this last estate by the Leicestershire magnate, Robert Grimbald,<sup>4</sup> and in two confirmations issued by the Bishop of Lincoln,<sup>5</sup> documents undoubtedly written in this region, *villa* replaces the *manerium* employed by Theobald's southern clerk.<sup>6</sup> On this point the evidence of contemporary texts is fully borne out by cartulary copies and official exemplifications; in records of this class, as in original charters, vague words like *feudum*, *terra*, *tenementum*, are continually used where the context would lead us to expect *manerium*.<sup>7</sup> It is, of course, true that an argument based on the absence of a particular word from a series of documents may be overturned by future discoveries, nor is it to be doubted that the men of the

<sup>1</sup> The intermixture of fees at Willoughton in north Lincolnshire is explicitly recorded in the feodary of the Templars, who held much land there. 'Tota ista terra predicta est de dono Simonis de Canci et de dono Rogeri de Buslei, sed villata nescit separare feudum Simonis de Canci a feudo Rogeri de Buslei exceptis quinque toftis' (*Mon. Ang.* vii. 827).

<sup>2</sup> No. 496.

<sup>3</sup> No. 428.

<sup>4</sup> *Mon. Ang.* vi. 424.

<sup>5</sup> Nos. 429-30.

<sup>6</sup> It is highly probable that the Waddington charter which has just been quoted was written by a clerk attached to the earl's household.

<sup>7</sup> The charters of Sixle priory exemplified in 10 Henry IV illustrate remarkably the circumlocution which might result from the avoidance of the word *manerium*. The phrase *quicquid habui infra villam et quatuor divisas de X* is repeatedly used in charters of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries to describe an estate which would naturally have been written down as a manor in other parts of England (*Exch. K. R. Memoranda Roll* 185).



Danelaw were acquainted with many sporadic examples of the sort of estate that in other parts was currently known as a manor. On the other hand, we certainly possess for these shires a quite unusual number of early documents of varied provenance from the hands of local clerks whose terminology deserves respectful consideration. At the least it justifies us in saying that the men of this region were late in adopting the word *manerium* as the designation of an estate: it is a reasonable inference that the word was at last taken into currency in imitation of the terminology of the king's clerks.

This has a retrospective importance. The Domesday descriptions of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, and Lincolnshire are among those portions of the survey in which the marginal initials M., S., and B., distinguish the manor, the soke, and the berewick. Now the exact meaning of the Domesday *manerium* is a difficult problem, and one which cannot be discussed in this place, but the remarkable avoidance of this word in charters of the twelfth century certainly suggests that the clue to this mystery will not be found in the answers given by local jurors to the articles of inquest. If the word had been generally current among the clerks of this region in the eleventh century its abandonment by their successors in the twelfth would be inexplicable. On the other hand, there is no difficulty in the supposition that the word *manerium*, first employed by royal clerks as a convenient term by which to register estates, slowly worked down into local usage among men brought steadily into more frequent contact with the king's courts. It remains significant that the word should only obtain a late and imperfect currency in a region where estates organized on the model that prevailed in the south were exceptional throughout the Middle Ages.

It is, indeed, impossible to ignore the varied evidence which reveals the village and not the manor as the essential form of rural organization in this region.<sup>1</sup> No authority of seignorial

<sup>1</sup> It is an important fact that the rules which governed the impounding of stray beasts were not determined by manorial regulation but by local custom. Between 1170 and 1174 John de Aincourt promised that he would not impound the cattle of the monks of Kirkstead *nisi evidenti et rationabili causa secundum consuetudinem vicinie* (Cott. Vesp. E. xviii, f. 48). In the early thirteenth century Olivia daughter of Alan son of Jordan granted to the canons of Welbeck that if their beasts should stray outside their appointed pasture at Warsop in Nottinghamshire they should be delivered *secundum consuetudinem visneti eiusdem* (Harl. MS. 3640, f. 89). At about the same time Peter of Legbourne,

origin controlled the whole economic life of these villages under divided lordship. And unless we are prepared to assume that mediaeval agriculture followed an absolutely rigid sequence of operations, that the same processes were begun each year at the same times without regard to the fluctuations of weather which may now postpone until September what a farmer would like to do in June, we must invoke a village meeting to regulate the management of the village open fields. The strips of which those fields were composed were tilled according to one routine, though they might be held by many men of many lords, and no single lord had by himself the power of deciding in his court what that routine should be. It is with good reason that the bye-law, the law of the village, appears in this region as the expression of agricultural custom.<sup>1</sup> And the custom of the village was none the less binding because it did not rest upon manorial sanction.

Of the community which maintained this custom, the *villata* of mediaeval records, there is little to be read in charters. The attestation of a township is asserted in two contemporary charters of the Greenfield series.<sup>2</sup> In the first, a confirmation by Richard son of Pigot of Holton le Clay, of a salt pan and meadow presumably near that place,<sup>3</sup> the *villata* of Driby is placed tenth in a list of fifteen witnesses. The second charter,

near Louth, when granting pasture in the fields of that village to Alvingham priory, made the explicit provision *Si contigerit quod oves vel animalia predicti conventus mihi vel meis dampnum fecerint in bladis vel in pratis et capta vel imparcata fuerint dabunt vadium secundum leges terre et oves et animalia sua liberabuntur et emendabunt dampnum secundum visum legalium hominum vicinorum* (Laud MS. 642, f. 135). Similar provisions may be found in later thirteenth-century charters.

<sup>1</sup> The procedure appropriate to the regulation of the common fields of a village under divided lordship is for once revealed in action in the very important fifteenth-century memorandum printed in Hist. MSS. Comm., *Wollaton Report*, 106-9, and relating to Wymeswold in north Leicestershire. It contains a long list of detailed regulations followed by a note that order for their observance was made *communi assensu totius villate* before Sir John Neville, Hugh Willoughby, and the steward of Beauchief abbey, the lords of the three manors between which the village was divided. The parish church received the fines imposed for breach of these regulations. The case is late, but affords a valuable clue to the practice of an earlier time which is not illustrated by contemporary evidence.

<sup>2</sup> Nos. 142, 143.

<sup>3</sup> The charter states that the salt pan was situated *in mariſco de Neutum*. The only place of this name in this region is Wold Newton, which lies more than 200 feet above the sea, in a fold of the Chalk. There is nothing that can reasonably be called marsh in the territory of Wold Newton, and the salt pan of the charter was probably situated somewhere in the neighbourhood of Holton le Clay.



by which the prior and convent grant back to Richard the meadow which he had confirmed to them, is secured by sixteen attestations, those of the *villatae* of Holton and Driby occupying respectively the sixth and the tenth place.<sup>1</sup> The attestation of a township in such a context as this is highly abnormal. From time to time, though rarely, a township may be observed among the witnesses to a twelfth-century charter;<sup>2</sup> but there is generally only one of these attestations to a single document, the attesting township is usually the community of the village to whose territory the charter relates, and its attestation is inserted at the end of the list of witnesses. It would be difficult to find a parallel to the intrusion of two *villatae* into the body of an attestation clause, and the abnormality of the formula is increased by the fact that the villages of Holton le Clay and Driby are in different wapentakes, in different ridings,<sup>3</sup> and nineteen miles apart in a straight line. The best explanation that can be given of these remarkable attestations is the suggestion that the charters in which they occur were executed at some time when the villages of Lincolnshire were present through their representatives at a meeting of the shire court.

The study of village organization in the Danelaw is complicated by a problem peculiar to this region, the nature of those rural hundreds which are recorded sporadically in the Domesday surveys of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire, and of which one example occurs in Derbyshire.<sup>4</sup> It is known that each hundred was a local division assessed to the Danegeld at twelve carucates, and that a parcel of land could be adequately identified by a statement of its amount combined with the name of the hundred within which it lay. There is evidence that a hundred like a wapentake or a riding could give a corporate testimony in suits relating to the ownership of land, and that in the eleventh century hundreds were combined in groups for the purpose of making a collective emendation of aggravated offences against the king's peace. It is evident that the Danelaw hundred was a local institution similar in function to the wapentake and shire, but of the conditions under which it

<sup>1</sup> For the reading see the note on p. 93.

<sup>2</sup> An early grant of a tenant in Nettlestead, co. Suffolk, to Hatfield Broad Oak priory ends with the attestation of the whole *villata* of Nettlestead (Add. Chart. 28331).

<sup>3</sup> Holton le Clay was in Bradley wapentake, Driby in Candleshoe wapentake.

<sup>4</sup> The hundreds of Leicestershire raise a distinct series of questions on which no new light has up to the present been thrown by twelfth-century charters.

arose and of the date of its appearance nothing is really known.<sup>1</sup>

Its later history is also very obscure ; few of the documents which prove its survival after the time of Domesday are accessible in print. Before the close of the eleventh century Geoffrey de Wirce had granted to the monks of Selby a hundred of land named Crowle in Lincolnshire,<sup>2</sup> and with a little ingenuity it is possible to make out that this estate contained just twelve carucates of Domesday assessment. There is reason to believe that the original returns from which the Lindsey Survey of 1113-18 was compiled had been arranged hundred by hundred, and in the middle of the thirteenth century the feodary of a Lincolnshire wapentake could still be drawn up according to its component hundreds.<sup>3</sup> These references do at least prove the continuity of the institution through the twelfth century, they show, indeed, that it had not passed altogether out of memory in the reign of Henry III,<sup>4</sup> but they tell us nothing of its functions which is not to be learned from Domesday itself.<sup>5</sup>

Our knowledge of the Danelaw hundred is materially increased by the evidence of two of the earliest charters in the Bullington

<sup>1</sup> The twelve-carucate hundred has been discussed by Round, *Feudal England*, 72-5 ; Stevenson, *English Historical Review*, v. 95-100 ; Vinogradoff, *English Society in the Eleventh Century*, 102, 281 ; and in *Types of Manorial Structure in the Northern Danelaw*, 89-90. The early essay by Maitland on the criminal liability of the hundred (*Collected Papers*, i. 230-46) used the Danelaw evidence to illustrate the functions of the hundreds of the south. Maitland at this time had not realized that the twelve-carucate hundreds of the Danelaw stand by themselves among English institutions.

<sup>2</sup> *Mon. Ang.* iii. 499. Cf. *English Historical Review*, v. 97.

<sup>3</sup> The survey of Aveland wapentake, printed in *Testa de Nevill*, 319-21, must originally have been compiled in this way.

<sup>4</sup> As late as 9 Richard II a grantor is made to convey land ' in villa et in campo ac in hondredis de Frestona et Boterwyke ' (*Ancient Deeds*, B. 3818).

<sup>5</sup> References to the hundred occur sporadically in thirteenth-century records. In 1202 four brothers were impleaded for disseisin of common pasture in Rike hundred (Assize Rolls, 478, ix dors). This represents the Domesday hundred of Riche (i. 348 b) which cannot now be identified. In 1253 William de la Launde granted to Haverholme priory common pasture for ten cows and one bull *per tota hundreda de Ywardby et Ousthorpe* (Add. MS. 4937, p. 116). Neither Ewerby nor Austhorpe are described as hundreds in Domesday. A late transcript of the Haverholme cartulary includes two severely abbreviated charters which refer to meadow in the hundred of Evedon (Lansd. MS. 207 A, p. 127 b). It is remarkable that in Domesday a portion of this village is entered as belonging to the hundred of Ashby de la Laund (i. 341). It may be that the frequent coincidence of hundred and village (see below, p. lxvi) had produced by the thirteenth century a local usage according to which any village, irrespective of its former assessment, might be spoken of as a hundred.



series. The first, a charter of Walter de Crasci granting land in Redbourne to the priory, is witnessed by a number of individuals whose names are followed by the attestation of the whole hundred of Redbourne.<sup>1</sup> The second charter is a confirmation of this gift by Walter's son Reginald, to which the final attestation is that of Redbourne hundred.<sup>2</sup> Both these charters probably belong to the decade 1150-60 and may well have been issued almost contemporaneously, though the first is more crudely drafted and written in a more ancient hand than the second.

In any case, these charters prove that in the early part of the reign of Henry II a Lincolnshire hundred was competent to make a collective attestation. There were many phrases convenient to the hand of a clerk who wished to avoid the trouble of writing down the individual names of a long list of witnesses. He might bring a charter to a close with the general testimony of the grantor's men and of many other persons,<sup>3</sup> or vaguely record the attestation of many people both from the village to which the charter related and elsewhere.<sup>4</sup> The currency of such informal phrases increases the initial probability that the clerks who were precise in recording the attestation of Redbourne hundred used the latter word to denote something different from a group of casually selected local witnesses. The attestations of a soke, a shire, a seignorial court, represent the testimony of the formal assemblies of these institutions;<sup>5</sup> it is not straining the language of the Redbourne charters to infer that the hundred which witnessed them was a body with definite functions and appointed times of meeting. It is, therefore, difficult to avoid the important conclusion that the solidarity of a Lincolnshire hundred might persist until the second half of the twelfth century. The rarity of such attestations is by no means remarkable;<sup>6</sup> the only evidence that can now be produced is afforded by the facts which it pleased a clerk to set down in a document of which the text has happened to be preserved. We are at the mercy of a chance combination of circumstances, and may be thankful for our double record of the attestation of Redbourne hundred.

<sup>1</sup> No. 93.

<sup>2</sup> No. 94.

<sup>3</sup> No. 311.

<sup>4</sup> No. 313.

<sup>5</sup> A clerk who merely wished to record that the charter which he was writing was witnessed informally by the landholding community of the village to which the charter related would naturally use the word *villata*.

<sup>6</sup> The functions of the twelfth-century wapentake were many and important, but its attestation does not seem to be recorded in this region in any charter of which a twelfth-century text is extant.

We are also fortunate in being able to prove that the hundred of Redbourne was coincident with the village of that name. Redbourne in 1086 was surveyed in nine different parcels, of which the combined assessment amounted to precisely twelve carucates. The tenurial condition of the place in that year may be set out in a table :

f. 338.	Sokeland of Kirton Lindsey	1 Car. 1 Bov.	The king.
f. 345.	Manor . . . . .	1 Car. 0 Bov.	Bishop Remi and the canons of St. Mary.
f. 350 b.	Manor . . . . .	1 Car. 0½ Bov.	Peter of Ivo Taillebois.
f. 350 b.	Manor . . . . .	0 Car. 3 Bov.	Ivo Taillebois.
f. 357.	Berewick of Scawby .	0 Car. 2¼ Bov.	Colsuan.
f. 359.	Three manors . . . .	7 Car. 1 Bov.	Gozelin son of Lambert and a man of his.
f. 364.	Berewick of Scawby .	0 Car. 2¾ Bov.	Alfred of Osbern d'Arcis.
f. 365 b.	Berewick of Scawby .	0 Car. 2½ Bov.	Alfred of Odo Arbalis- tarius.
f. 369.	Sokeland of Snitterby	0 Car. 3 Bov.	Heppo Balistarius.

The neatness with which these highly irregular figures combine to form an even duodecimal assessment is remarkable, but in no way abnormal. Many similar cases are revealed in the course of an analysis of the Domesday of Lincolnshire ; in no other county can the practice of assessment in terms of a twelve-carucate unit be demonstrated so clearly. The detailed problems presented by the Lincolnshire assessment cannot be discussed here, but the possibility that some special organization for common action belonged to the twelve-carucate villages of this shire makes the question of their numbers a matter of some importance.

Redbourne, as it happens, is nowhere described as a hundred in Domesday. Most of these local hundreds are ignored by the spasmodic rubrication of the Lincolnshire portion of the Survey. The names of some fourscore hundreds occur erratically either in the text or in the appendix of disputed claims to land in Lincolnshire, but the name of Redbourne hundred is not among them. Its emergence soon after the middle of the next century is therefore of especial interest. There is much in Domesday itself to suggest that every village bearing a precise assessment of twelve carucates was regarded as a hundred, and the suggestion is confirmed by the later application of the title to the twelve-carucate village of Redbourne. It is reinforced again by the evidence of a Kirkstead abbey charter which has already been published in facsimile.<sup>1</sup> On, July 20,

<sup>1</sup> *Facsimiles of Royal and other charters in the British Museum*, 45 (Harl. Chart. 49 A, 1).



1158, Maurice de Craon informed the monks that since he could not warrant the common pasture which he had given them in the hundred of Butterwick he now gave them certain lands in exchange. Butterwick in the parts of Holland belonged to the fee of Guy de Craon in 1086; it was then rated at twelve carucates and included a population of 36 sokemen, 6 villeins, and 10 bordars, but like Redbourne it is never given the style of a hundred in the Survey. But if it may be argued that the Danelaw hundred of the eleventh and twelfth centuries was a body organized for collective action, it will have to be admitted that a very considerable number of Lincolnshire villages possessed this organization. Few of these villages will be found in Lindsey; assessments were low in those parts, and Redbourne is one of only eight villages geldable at twelve carucates precisely. But in Kesteven alone there were forty-four villages assessed at just twelve carucates, in Holland there were thirteen; in Kesteven, moreover, nine villages were rated at twenty-four carucates exactly, and Domesday itself recognizes the existence of double hundreds. To these villages of strict duodecimal assessment there should be added the villages whose burden of geld exceeded or fell short of twelve carucates by some inconsiderable amount. Great Gonerby, assessed at 11 carucates  $7\frac{1}{2}$  bovates, and Timberland, assessed at 11 carucates 7 bovates, would certainly have appeared as twelve-carucate units if the clerks who compiled the descriptions of these villages had been as careful as might be wished. Regard should also be paid to the numerous cases in which one of these units is composed of a village with some hamlet lying within the boundary of its territory. It may safely be assumed that ninety Lincolnshire hundreds at least were each coincident with a single agrarian unit.

But even in Lincolnshire two or more villages generally went to one twelve-carucate hundred, and there are many villages of which the assessments recorded in 1086 are so irregular that it is difficult to imagine in what way they can have been combined into duodecimal hundredal groups. By chance it happens that the general nature of these combinations is best illustrated by a document coming from the early part of the reign of Henry III, a time at which we might have supposed that all real memory of these ancient local associations had died away. This document falls outside the limits of date within which the charters printed in this book are confined, but it may

be inserted here as proof of the survival of an institution which is almost ignored by the charters of the twelfth century. It should be premised that the document relates to the south Lincolnshire villages of Fleet, Holbeach, Whaplode, Gedney, Sutton, Lutton, and Tydd. The Domesday assessments of these villages, which may be set out in a table,<sup>1</sup> fall, along the lines indicated in the charter, into two groups of twenty-four carucates each. But the assessments of the individual villages, while obviously based on a duodecimal system, are of such a nature that it would have been hazardous to reconstruct their hundredal combination without the clue afforded by the text which follows.

Nouerint uniuersi presens scriptum uisuri uel audituri quod ita conuenitur inter Henricum abbatem Croilandie . Thomam de Multona . Thomam filium eius . Robertum de Oÿrÿ . Lambertum de Quappelada . Willelmum le Angevin . Rogerum Bacun et participes suos et eorum homines de duobus hundredis scilicet Flete . Holebech . et Quappelad ex una parte . et Willelmum Lungespe et Idoneam uxorem eius . Simonem priorem Spaldingie . Gaufridum de Oÿrÿ . Lambertum de Multona . Willelmum de Newetona . Hugonem de Ros . Reginaldum de Tyd . Alanum filium Theobaldi et participes suos et eorum homines de duobus hundredis . scilicet Gedeneie . Sutton Lutton et Tyd ex altera . Scilicet quod predicti abbas . Thomas . Thomas . Robertus . Lambertus . Willelmus Rogerus et participes suos et eorum homines . et predicti Willelmus . Idonea . prior . Gaufridus . Lambertus . Willelmus . Hugo . Reginaldus . Alanus et participes sui et eorum homines concesserunt fide media quod totum mariscum extra forinsecum Fendic ad predictas uillas pertinens scilicet a diuisa que est inter Quappeladam et Multonam usque Trokenholt . et forinsecum fossatum de Suttona et Tyd . et sic per ripariam de Tyd usque Trokenholt inter predictas uillas participetur per duodecim legales homines ita quod unaqueque carucata terre sit par alteri . ita quod predicta duo hundreda scilicet Gedeneie . Suttona . Luttona . et Tyd habeant porcionem suam

<sup>1</sup> Holbeach	f. 346 b	Manor, Crowland abbey	1 car. 0 bov.	} 13 car.
and	f. 348 b	Berewick of Fleet	1 car. 0 bov.	
Whaplode	—	Sokeland of Gedney	13 car. 6 bov.	} 0 bov. } 24 car.
	f. 368	Manor, Alestan	2 car. 2 bov.	
Fleet	f. 338	Manor, earl Algar	6 car. 0 bov.	} 12 car.
Tydd	f. 338	Manor, earl Algar	5 car. 1 bov.	
	—	Berewick of Lutton	2 car. 1 bov.	} 0 bov. } 24 car.
	f. 351 b	Berewick of Spalding	3 car. 2 bov.	
	f. 368	Sokeland of Holbeach	1 car. 4 bov.	} 0 bov. } 24 car.
Lutton	f. 338	Manor, earl Algar	4 car. 0 bov.	
Gedney	f. 338	Manor, earl Algar	8 car. 0 bov.	} 0 bov.
The village of Sutton is not described separately in Domesday.				



ex una parte per se separabilem propinquius sibi . et alia duo hundreda scilicet Flete . Holebech et Quappelada habeant porcionem suam propinquius ex altera parte per se separabilem . Preterea predicti abbas . Thomas . Thomas . Robertus . Lambertus . Willelmus . Rogerus et participes sui et eorum homines et predicti Willelmus . Idonea . prior . Gaufridus . Lambertus . Willelmus . Hugo . Reginaldus . Alanus et participes sui et eorum homines coobligauerunt se unusquisque alteri quod nulla pars sine alia faciet pacem cum episcopo Elyensi uel participibus suis uel eorum hominibus de marisco unde contentio inter ipsos et predictum episcopum est . set in adquirendo uel defendendo si aliquod custum appositum fuerit : unaqueque uillata partem suam custi apppositi secundum numerum et equalem porcionem carucatarum apponet . Et si idem episcopus uel participes sui uel eorum homines aliquid disrationauerint de predicto marisco uersus dictos abbatem . Thomam . Thomam . Robertum . Lambertum . Willelmum . Rogerum et participes suos et eorum homines . uel uersus predictos Willelmum . Idoneam . priorem . Gaufridum . Lambertum . Willelmum . Hugonem . Reginaldum . Alanum et participes suos et eorum homines : communis erit iactura utrique parti predictorum quatuor hundredorum . In huius autem rei testimonium : predicti abbas . Thomas . Thomas . Robertus . Lambertus . Willelmus et Rogerus huic parti istius scripti cyrographati sigilla sua apposuerunt . Et memorandum quod ex parte Willelmi Lungespe et participum suorum concessum est . quod debent incipere ad participandum mariscum inter predicta quatuor hundreda ad corneram uersus orientem del Fendik de Flete. (*Ancient Deeds*, L. 2440.)

This case is remarkable in several ways. Its terminology is admirably clear, it leaves no room for the suspicion that a clerk may have used *hundredum* as a synonym for *villata*. The double hundred of Fleet, Holbeach, and Whaplode is obviously an institution and not a fortuitous group of three adjacent villages. This being so, the case becomes of real value in relation to the composition of the eleventh-century hundred. It reveals for once the method by which villages bearing assessments which did not permit combination into precise twelve-carucate blocks might nevertheless be associated in regular hundredal groups. But its interest is not confined to its bearing upon the local incidence of the ancient gelds. It shows that the hundred was capable of common action in regard to matters which were not fiscal; even in the reign of Henry III two double hundreds could make a treaty for the partition of a marsh and bind themselves to an equal apportionment of the loss incurred through adverse claims. The conclusion can hardly be avoided that

some power of agrarian regulation had once resided in an institution which could still act in this way in the thirteenth century. On the other hand, the functions which may with certainty be attributed to the hundreds of Domesday had become obsolete by this time. Their collective responsibility for the observance of peace given under the king's hand or seal belonged to an order of ideas which had passed away, their fiscal duties were no longer necessary now that the king had ceased to take his Danegeld, their testimony in pleas of land was superseded by the new procedure which Henry II had established. Under such conditions the mere fact of their survival in local memory should justly be regarded as an indication of their former vitality. And the evidence of the charter which has just been printed, belated as it may be, compensates for the silence of many earlier texts.

Among the many problems presented by the history of the village community few are more obscure than those which relate to the foundation and endowment of the village church and none touch more closely the intimate life of the rural group. In the case of the northern Danelaw these questions bear upon archaeology as well as history. There was developed in Lincolnshire during the eleventh century a distinctive style of ecclesiastical architecture,<sup>1</sup> and we could particularly wish to know by whose authority and at whose expense the more ancient extant churches of the county were built. A collection of charters which are mainly of monastic origin may reasonably be expected to throw some light upon these problems, which are of peculiar interest in view of the general division of lordship characteristic of the Danelaw villages and the singular freedom of their inhabitants. In this region, if anywhere in England, some evidence of communal endowment ought to emerge from a series of charters belonging to the twelfth century.

It so happens that the one original charter which has been observed to give unequivocal testimony on this point relates to a Northamptonshire hamlet which in the twelfth century belonged to the Leicestershire parish of Theddingworth. In the reign of Henry II John Maled confirmed the gift which his men of Hutthorpe made to the mother church of Theddingworth for the support of the chapel in Hutthorpe, *id est de singulis virgatis unam acram ex una parte villae et aliam ex altera*.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Baldwin Brown, *The Arts in Early England*, ii.

<sup>2</sup> No. 465.



Here at least there can be no doubt of the communal nature of the endowment. The chapel is provided with a holding created by the detachment of an equal portion from each of the established shares in the village fields; the lord's charter is only confirmatory of an arrangement which his men have already made. To this arrangement there is a very remarkable parallel in a charter known only from its transcript in the cartulary of Alvingham priory.<sup>1</sup> Geoffrey of Keddington thereby confirmed to that house the church of St. Margaret of Keddington with all the lands which had been given to it both from his demesne and from the lands of his men, namely one acre from each bovaté, half on one side of the village and half on the other. In principle the endowment of Keddington church is identical with that of Huthorpe chapel; they only differ in that in the former case the lord himself is a contributing party. How far one is justified in arguing from the cases of Huthorpe and Keddington to the vast number of churches of whose original endowment we are told nothing must be a matter of opinion. But these cases may certainly be said to reveal a procedure that might naturally have been adopted when, as at Springthorpe and Great Hale,<sup>2</sup> a church was built in the eleventh century to serve a community composed exclusively of independent sokemen.

From time to time the patrimony of a village church was increased by the gifts of individual parishioners, whose charters might become incorporated in the archives of some religious house. It was the nuns of St. Michael's at Stamford, for example, who preserved the document by which Hugh son of Walter gave six acres of arable and an acre of meadow to God and the church of St. Firmin of Thurlby by Bourne; Thurlby church belonged to their priory.<sup>3</sup> The prior and convent of Bullington agreed with Gilbert son of William of Burgh le Marsh that he should hold of them the two acres of meadow which his ancestors had given to the church of St. Peter of Burgh.<sup>4</sup> The mention of these *antecessores* seems to carry the gift to a time beyond

<sup>1</sup> Laud MS. 642, f. 122 'Sciatis me . . . concessisse . . . sanctimonialibus de Alvingham . . . ecclesiam sancte Margarete de Kedigtona cum omnibus terris que de feudo meo eidem ecclesie date sunt tam de dominio meo quam de terris hominum meorum, scilicet de singulis bovatis una aera . dimidia ex una parte ville et dimidia aera ex alia et cum omnibus aliis appendiciis eius extra villam et infra' (Henry II).

<sup>2</sup> On these churches see Baldwin Brown, *op. cit.* In 1086 Springthorpe with part of Corringham contained a population of 41 sokemen and Hale a population of 38. *D. B.* i. 338 b, 355.

<sup>3</sup> No. 449.

<sup>4</sup> No. 17.

the middle of the twelfth century ; if it were ever made by charter the charter has disappeared. The document by which William Berner gave two acres to Habrough church to the honour of the altar of St. Katherine is made interesting by the statement that it was attested by the whole parish of Habrough on the Sunday when the Abbot of Barlings celebrated mass at that altar.<sup>1</sup> A village community does not often witness charters in its ecclesiastical capacity, and the Habrough attestation is unique in this region.<sup>2</sup> The churches of Thurlby and Habrough each received their gifts in pure and perpetual alms, free from all earthly service ; the acres of the endowment of Hutthorpe chapel were to be held by Theddingworth church *in perpetuum elemosinam* ; of the endowment of Keddington church and of the early gift to the church of Burgh le Marsh we are only informed incidentally. Whatever may have happened in the south of England, it is probable that the men of the Danelaw first became familiar with the conception of a grant in alms through the practice of making gifts to village churches.<sup>3</sup>

But the greater number of the village churches of the Danelaw were themselves destined to become the subjects of grants by charter in the course of the twelfth century ; grants for the most part made in favour of one or other of the new religious houses established in that age. The charters which record these gifts are numerous but unilluminating, they run in stereotyped formulas of a deceptive simplicity. Already before 1147 Ralf of Halton, in notifying Bishop Alexander and the Chapter of Lincoln that he has given the church of St. Peter of Halton with all its appurtenances to God, St. Marcial, and the canons of Newhouse,<sup>4</sup> is using the vague words which will

<sup>1</sup> No. 270.

<sup>2</sup> A contemporary Dorsetshire example is recorded in Hist. MSS. Comm., *Middleton Report*, p. 12.

<sup>3</sup> These endowments might become considerable holdings. At the beginning of the thirteenth century sixty-eight churches in Lindsey were rated to tenements of a carucate or more (Exch. Lay Subsidies, Lincoln, 1188). There is no trace in the twelfth century of any rule aimed at securing a uniform endowment for the village church. The Leicestershire churches of Somerby and Little Dalby carried as appurtenances to Langley priory a virgate and six bovates respectively (No. 415).

<sup>4</sup> No. 281. With this charter may be compared No. 299, which is also addressed to Bishop Alexander and runs in very similar general terms. No. 2, which cannot be later than 1155, attempts to describe the appurtenances of the churches to which it relates ; it confirms to Bullington priory the churches of Bullington and Langton *in decimis terris et in omnibus aliis rebus*. The attempt is exceptional at this early date. Cf. Nos. 58, 317.



be almost common form in such a context in the charters of the next generation. Phrases like this afford no hint of the complex of interests which might centre upon the village church. Their importance is retrospective; they point back to a time when a man regarded a church built on his land as property with which he could deal at his pleasure. On rare occasions, it is true, draftsmen betray a consciousness that they are employing words of too general a significance. In two charters issued before the same witnesses in the rural chapter of Calcewath wapentake and written in the same hand, it may be permitted to trace a deliberate attempt to reach a more adequate formula.<sup>1</sup> In the first, Amfrid of Haugh grants to Greenfield priory the church of Haugh with its appurtenances, in the second he grants the advowson of the church, and in the clause of warranty describes what he has given as *advocationem et donacionem prescriptæ ecclesiae*. But the words *advocatio* and *advocatus* are each rare in the charters of this age,<sup>2</sup> and it is probable that few of the men in whose names these charters run saw any essential difference between the gift of a church and the gift of its advowson.

There was some excuse for the confusion of their thought, for the village church was still regarded as an appurtenance of a rural estate, and passed with it as such in a conveyance. Roger of Benniworth gave to Matthew his brother the village of Little Steeping *in pratis, in aquis, in monasteriis, in molen-dinis, in mariscis, et in omnibus que ad predictam villam pertinent*.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 140 and 141.

<sup>2</sup> In No. 91 Philip of Kyme attests as *advocatus* of the church of Prestwold and Richard Frumentin attests as *advocatus* of the chapel of Cotes. But this charter is a solemn agreement elaborately drafted to define the relations between the church and the chapel; it is the sort of document in which it was necessary to be careful about terminology. In No. 228 Helto of Snelland, as *patronus ecclesie de Snellislund*, confirms the composition of a dispute touching the tithes of Snelland, Westlaby, and Swinethorpe.

<sup>3</sup> No. 504. The formula is repeated with a different arrangement of words in No. 502. This is one of a number of passages in which the word *monasterium* is employed as equivalent to *ecclesia*. Three examples occur in original charters preserved in the muniment room of Lincoln cathedral. In one, Earl William of Lincoln granted to the chapter the whole land and tenure of Eilwin the priest of Keal *in monasteriis in terris colendis in pratis in pascuis in aquis in omnibus locis et nominatim ecclesiam de Hagenebi* (D. & C. Linc. D. ii. 71/3.4 5). In another charter the same earl confirmed to Alan of Welton his father's land in Hundleby *in bosco et plano, et monasterio et molendino*, words which may very well represent some rhythmic native formula such as 'in wood and plain, in minster and mill' (ibid. D. ii. 72/3. 41). A third charter, issued by the chapter, refers to a tenement in Lincoln *inter monasterium Omnium Sanctorum et duas*

Ivo de Karkenii, in confirming to Herbert son of Adelard his father's land in South Ferriby excepted from his confirmation the moiety of the village church which he had given to Bullington priory at Adelard's request.<sup>1</sup> The rights of the patron had not yet been reduced to the power of making an irrevocable appointment: he could stipulate for a money payment from his nominee. At some date near the middle of the twelfth century the abbot and convent of Welbeck granted the church of Reston to Thomas their clerk to hold of them as long as he should live for a mark of silver yearly; Thomas, it is added, has pledged his faith to pay this rent, and the convent concede that nothing further shall be exacted from him. The preservation of this charter, which stands quite alone in this book,<sup>2</sup> is fortunate. It shows that about the year 1150 the ordinary formulae of enfeoffment were considered appropriate to the grant of a church, it suggests that no fundamental difference was recognized at this time between a church and the other profit-yielding appurtenances of an estate. If the word *molendinum* were substituted for the word *ecclesiam* in this charter nothing in its remaining phraseology would seem incongruous. It is no doubt true that other patrons might express themselves differently on such an occasion. Between 1158 and 1166 Gervase Paganel and his wife, with more propriety, expressed their gift of the Leicestershire church of Waltham on the Wolds to Richard *nepos* of Stephen the clerk of Ecton in the form of a letter to the archdeacon of Leicester, notifying their gift, and asking that Richard might have the archdeacon's support and protection.<sup>3</sup> But the Reston charter indicates clearly enough the way in which the village churches of an earlier age had been regarded by their patrons.<sup>4</sup>

*stratas regias*; this definite description of an urban church as a minster is remarkable (ibid. D. ii. 77/3. 25). Apart from these original texts the cartulary of Lewes contains a charter by which Hugh de Scoteni granted to that house the tithes of Limber, Stainton le Vale, and Wykeham *duas garbas scilicet illarum monachis et terciam in seruicium monasteriorum* (Cott. Vesp. F. xv, f. 243 b). These *monasteria* are clearly the churches of the three villages. The employment of the word in this sense undoubtedly goes back to pre-Conquest usage; *monasterium* in all these passages represents the OE. *mynster*.

<sup>1</sup> No. 24.

<sup>2</sup> No. 453. Few charters relating to Welbeck abbey have been preserved. Four are printed in *Derbyshire Charters*, Nos. 1078-81.

<sup>3</sup> No. 337.

<sup>4</sup> It is significant that clerks in the middle of the twelfth century sometimes allowed themselves to speak in so many words of lordship over a church. Before 1166 Avicia de Romili is made to say that her predecessors gave to the canons of Drax *advocationem et dominium ecclesie de Irnham, salva dignitate Aky persone qui eam in presentiarum possidet* (Dodsworth MSS. viii. 293).



The seignorial divisions of a village were often reproduced in the ecclesiastical sphere by a corresponding partition of the village church. It is true that the lords of different fees within a village sometimes built separate churches for their respective men. Bullington priory received the church of St. Albinus of Spridlington from Philip of Kyme,<sup>1</sup> but there was also a church of St. Hilary in that village founded upon the fee of Geoffrey son of Ruallan and given by him to Bardney abbey.<sup>2</sup> More often it would seem that there was only one church in a village and that its profits were divided among the lords of the several fees there. Fractions of a church are often entered in Domesday among the incidental appurtenances of manors; they were often given to the religious in the twelfth century. Philip of Kyme gave to Bullington priory the third part of the church of Fulnetby which belonged to his fee,<sup>3</sup> Henry II confirmed to the nuns of Greenfield the three parts of the church of Cumberworth which they had received from Eudo of Mumby.<sup>4</sup> But the most remarkable example of a divided church in these shires is the church of All Saints of Brocklesby. The sixth part of the church was given to Newhouse abbey at its foundation by Peter of Goxhill<sup>5</sup> as appurtenant to his land in Newhouse, Simon son of William added another sixth belonging to the land which he held in Brocklesby of the fee of Roger de Chauz,<sup>6</sup> a moiety of the church was given before 1200 by Eudo son of Henry.<sup>7</sup> The remaining sixth, which is not accounted for in these charters, formed part of the original endowment of Topholme priory,<sup>8</sup> to which it was given by Alan de Nevill. The division proceeds throughout *secundum feoda dominorum et patronum*; lordship over a portion of the village has implied an interest in the village church.

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 3, 4.

<sup>2</sup> Cott. Vesp. E. xx, f. 197 b.

<sup>3</sup> No. 28; cf. Nos. 3, 4.

<sup>4</sup> No. 120.

<sup>5</sup> No. 244, cf. Nos. 238, 239; *Mon. Ang.* vii. 865. This fraction of the church must have been appurtenant to the bovat and a half in Brocklesby which Alfred of Lincoln held as sokeland of Newhouse. *D. B.* i. 358 b.

<sup>6</sup> No. 254.

<sup>7</sup> No. 252. In No. 242 Bishop Hugh confirms to the abbey the moiety of this church and the third part of the other moiety. The terms of this charter present difficulty, for it cannot be earlier than 1194, and the abbey by this time was probably already in possession of its five-sixths of the church. The bishop may have ignored the sixth given by Peter of Goxhill, which was not the subject of a separate charter.

<sup>8</sup> Harl. Chart. 58 H. 4. The text of the charter, which is a fifteenth-century copy, is corrupt at this point, but its meaning is made clear by later evidence.

This implication explains the numerous cases in which a religious house secured its possession of a church by obtaining a charter from each of the lords who held a fee within the village. It is never easy to collect a complete series of these charters, but their character is well illustrated by documents in this book. Before 1147 Ralf of Halton in a charter which has already been quoted gave to the canons of Newhouse the church of St. Peter of East Halton;<sup>1</sup> before 1162, probably before 1158, they received from Nicholas d'Arci his portion in the same church which he calls by the alternative name of St. Peter of North Killingholme, otherwise called Halton.<sup>2</sup> The documents in the same series which relate to the churches of Habrough and Kirmington are more interesting. Habrough church was given to the abbey at its foundation by Peter of Goxhill,<sup>3</sup> but some forty years later the canons saw fit to obtain from Hugh de Nevill a release of the rights which he had in the church in virtue of the land which he held in Habrough by the king's gift.<sup>4</sup> Kirmington church was given to the canons before 1147 in vague but absolute terms;<sup>5</sup> it was confirmed by Henry II between 1175 and 1179,<sup>6</sup> but before the end of the century Hugh's rights in the church were made the subject of another release.<sup>7</sup> The nature of Hugh's estate in Habrough and Kirmington increases the significance of his interest in these village churches: he held twenty *libratae* of land there of the king, an estate which must originally have represented a grant of rent to the amount of £20 from the sokemen of Habrough and Kirmington who belonged to the royal manor of Caistor.<sup>8</sup> It is not strange that in this region of divided lordship complete

<sup>1</sup> No. 281.

<sup>2</sup> No. 283. From Nos. 285-7 it appears that the nuns of Elstow proffered a claim to this church which was dismissed, essentially, it would seem, on the ground that the nuns had not possessed the church at any time within the previous forty years. Ultimately they granted the demesne tithes of Halton and certain lands there to the canons for four marks yearly (No. 287). Whatever the origin of the Elstow claim may have been, it must be anterior to the charter by which Ralf of Halton granted the church to Newhouse abbey without reference to any existing adverse rights.

<sup>3</sup> No. 244.

<sup>4</sup> No. 277.

<sup>5</sup> No. 299.

<sup>6</sup> No. 243.

<sup>7</sup> No. 302.

<sup>8</sup> Cf. *Testa de Nevill*, f. 316. Soon after 1200 Hugh and his men of these villages individually swore before the rural dean to pay their tithes to the abbey and to respect its possessions (Harl. Chart. 44 I. 12). The oath was taken by eighteen men of Habrough and by twenty-two men of Kirmington. In 1086 the king had 8 sokemen, 2 bordars in Habrough and Newhouse, and 20 sokemen, 1 villein, and 14 bordars in Kirmington (*D. B.* i. 338 b).



security against adverse claims upon a village church could rarely be afforded by a single charter.<sup>1</sup>

These claims are certainly relevant to the difficult problem of the origins of the village church. The scheme of tenurial division on which they are founded goes back to King Edward's day : work of this or a greater age is incorporated in the fabric of scores of Lincolnshire churches.<sup>2</sup> And while the diverse social conditions of the different Danelaw villages must have occasioned a corresponding diversity in their ecclesiastical history it may at least be said that the churches which are characteristic of this region, those in which a plurality of lords possessed an interest, were never built by a single lord for his dependents. Their history in the twelfth century is only intelligible if their foundation is regarded as a co-operative work to which the lords and men of the several communities contributed in their respective degrees. The first steps towards the foundation, the provision of a plot of ground for the church, of a toft for the priest who served it, would naturally be taken by individuals.<sup>3</sup> But the building of a stone church was an expensive undertaking, and the thegns who held the individual *maneria* of a village under divided lordship were for the most part men of small resources. There is every reason to believe that when a church was to be built in one of these villages the lords of all the manors within the village shared in the cost of its erection ; there is no reason to doubt that a portion of this cost was often borne by the local peasantry. The foundation of a village church was completed by the creation of a holding by which its priest might live, and the common action of the whole village to this end is brought out of the region of conjecture by the record of the means adopted in the twelfth century by the

<sup>1</sup> The series of documents relating to the Leicestershire church of Waltham on the Wolds, Nos. 337-45, would permit the history of this church in the twelfth century to be worked out in some detail. The outline of the story is supplied in the remarkable letter of Gervase Paganel to the abbot of Burton, No. 343, which is adequately supplemented by other documents. In particular, the charter by which the bailiff of St. Evroult leases to the parson of Waltham, for ten shillings a year, tithes which formerly had only brought in five shillings (No. 341), illustrates the way in which the appurtenances of a twelfth-century church were a source of monetary profit.

<sup>2</sup> The distribution of these churches is set out in the map at the end of *The Arts in Early England*, vol. ii.

<sup>3</sup> In No. 284 Nicholas d'Arce released to the canons of Newhouse his claim to the *mansura* of Finn the priest belonging to the church of St. Peter of East Halton but of Nicholas's fee.

men of Huthorpe and Keddington. It is natural that in twelfth-century charters we should read much about the seignorial interests in the village church and little about the communal element in its foundation, for when once the church was in being the lords of manors within the village became inevitably the recipients of the revenue which it yielded. There can be no question of a village community competent to present to a benefice and to receive a rent in the time before the Conquest. The obvious course was to divide the render of the church between the men to whom the peasants of the village looked as their lords, and the successors of these lords are the knights of the Angevin period.

## IV

THE several classes of rural society are distinguished by a consistent terminology in the Domesday survey; they are defined in terms of rent and service in the extents of the thirteenth and later centuries, but the evidence which connects the social order of the Conqueror's day with that which prevailed under Henry III is ambiguous at best. If we possess detailed information about the manors of Peterborough abbey under Henry I, and about the scattered possessions of the Templars under Henry II, it still remains a difficult question how far the tenurial conditions on these estates resembled those that prevailed generally upon lay fees in this region. The remarkable contrast between the organization of labour upon the Peterborough lands and the system of individual rents instituted by the Templars is in itself a warning against generalization. On the other hand, charters rarely speak of peasant service, nor do they often describe a man by any general term denoting his status. The one fundamental contrast between free and unfree, between *liber homo* and *rusticus*, could upon occasion be expressed. In 1163 Roger Musteil confirmed to Bullington priory all the lands given by his men of Torrington *tam rustici quam liberi*,<sup>1</sup> but in general the vague word *homo* is indifferently used to cover men of every social rank.<sup>2</sup> If it is baffling to the

<sup>1</sup> No. 101.

<sup>2</sup> This indifference is well illustrated by a comparison of two early charters in the Alvingham cartulary relating to Little Cawthorpe near Legbourne, co. Lincoln. In the first, Amfred of Haugh confirms *terram quam rustici nostri eidem ecclesie dederunt* (Laud MS. 642, f. 136). The parallel passage in the second charter reads *terram quam homines mei eidem ecclesie dederunt* (ibid. f. 136; cf. Exch. K. R. Memoranda Roll 185, xiii). The date of these charters is approximately 1150.



modern student, this usage proves that lords in the twelfth century did not think it necessary to employ a precise terminology in referring to their dependants, free or unfree, and their vague words may appropriately represent a loosely ordered social structure. The reconstruction of a social scheme from the material supplied by charters is always a difficult task; in the case of the Danelaw, a region distinguished by an unusual variety of tenurial relationships, it is singularly hazardous. It is better to regard these relationships from the standpoint of the texts in which they are recorded than to force them into correspondence with the terminology of an earlier or a later time.

That serfdom existed in this region throughout the twelfth century is not open to question; it would be proved, if proof were needed, by the charters which speak of *rustici*, *nativi*, or *villani*.<sup>1</sup> It is when we attempt to estimate the proportion borne by the unfree to the free that difficulties begin to arise. The methods appropriate to the study of Domesday Book are out of place in dealing with the material supplied by charters. These documents supply much information about a large number of individual peasants, but in a form that does not permit statistical analysis. They suggest that in the twelfth century the relationship between lord and man was still so largely a personal matter that its definition in terms of peasant status was irrelevant.<sup>2</sup> The difference which may often be observed between the social condition of the same village in the eleventh

<sup>1</sup> The only word used to denote unfree condition in the texts which follow is *rusticus*. It occurs in No. 101 (above, p. lxxviii), Nos. 238-40, where *rustici* are distinguished from *homines*; No. 235, where the *rustici* and their lands are excepted from a grant of half the demesne of Newhouse; No. 250 in which two tenants are expressly described as *rustici*; No. 290, where three bovates *de terra rusticorum* are distinguished from a fourth bovat *de demenio*; No. 273 (below, p. lxxxix); Nos. 334, 335 (below, p. lxxx); No. 528, in which a block of land at Eresby near Spilsby is described as *terra que fuit rusticorum . . . Henrici Bec*. Two early charters at Lincoln cathedral (D. & C. Linc. D. ii. 83/3.5 and 6) refer to five acres of meadow at Mering in Nottinghamshire *iuxta pratum rusticorum*, where the word probably covers all the tenants of the village. The word *villanus* is rare in charters relating to the Danelaw; there is an early example in a charter by which Richard de Haia granted a villen with his bovat at Swaton to Castle Acre priory (Harl. MS. 2110, f. 70). *Nativus*, though less rare than *villanus*, is far from common in early charters relating to this region.

<sup>2</sup> The personal basis of this relationship is brought out very clearly by Earl Simon of Northampton in the course of a charter to St. Andrew's priory at Northampton. After granting 100 *solidatae* of land at Ryhall in Rutland to that house the earl continues 'Preterea concessi quod dabo eis Besi et servicium illius cum eum a manu mea remouere uoluero' (Royal MS. ii. B. ix, f. 8 b). There was obviously no reason why the status of Besi should be defined in this grant.

and the thirteenth centuries may have resulted as much from intervening changes in the names commonly applied to the different sorts of men as from seignorial encroachment upon ancient liberties or the assertion of new ones by the peasantry. Moreover, against the maintenance by Domesday of a rigid distinction between sokemen and villeins should be set the distinct approximation of these classes in the law books of the next generation. There is much in Domesday itself which implies that the consistent registration of sokemen apart from villeins was based on facts of tenure rather than on facts of status. It turned on the distinction between those who could alienate their land at their pleasure and those who could not. It is highly probable that on many estates the recognized social classes were divided by arbitrary lines which a man might cross in one generation and his descendants recross in another. The fortunes of individuals in the twelfth century were not entirely determined by static custom, and a change in the local terminology of peasant rank might have far-reaching consequences.

That such changes did actually occur on some estates between the reigns of William I and Henry II is certain, though it may be impossible to ascertain their precise dates. In 1163 Roger Musteil could speak of the gifts of his men of Torrington *tam rustici quam liberi*;<sup>1</sup> in 1086 the recorded population of this village consisted exclusively of sokemen.<sup>2</sup> It is true that twelve of these sokemen are enigmatically described as *nil habentes*, but this is no ground for questioning the freedom of their condition.<sup>3</sup> A similar discrepancy between the terminology of the eleventh and the twelfth century occurs at Waltham on the Wolds in north Leicestershire, where soon after the year 1150 Isabel Countess of Northampton granted to Nuneaton priory two carucates, *unam de dominio et alteram de assisa rusticorum*.<sup>4</sup> Isabel was daughter of Robert II, Earl of Leicester, her estate

<sup>1</sup> No. 101.

<sup>2</sup> *D. B.* i. 258, 362 b.

<sup>3</sup> The estate in Torrington of which Roger Musteil was possessed in 1163 is entered in *D. B.* i. 358. Gocelin, tenant of Alfred of Lincoln, is there assigned two parcels of sokeland, each assessed at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  bovates, and each assigned a population of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  sokemen with  $2\frac{1}{2}$  plough oxen. The first of these parcels had been held by Rolf in 1066, the second by Clac. These entries obviously represent a holding of seven bovates occupied by five sokemen which had been divided before the Conquest into two equal parts but reunited by 1086. As Roger Musteil expressly distinguishes the *rustici* to whom he refers from free men it is certain that some depression of the peasantry had taken place at Torrington.

<sup>4</sup> No. 334, confirmed by No. 335.



in Waltham represented the whole or part of the land there described in Domesday under the fee of Hugh de Grentemaisnil.<sup>1</sup> This holding lay in two parts ; upon one, twenty-four sokemen with one villein and one bordar had six teams, upon the other an unnamed knight with seven bordars, three slaves, and one *ancilla* had a team and a half. This is not the sort of community which we should expect to produce a class of unfree landholders within seventy years ; the *rustici* of whom the countess speaks cannot all have descended from the solitary Waltham villein of 1086. The real character of the change in status and service which accompanied such an alteration in terminology raises problems to which no definite answer can be given.

In the absence of local surveys which define the standing of the villein it is natural to assume the unfreedom of a man who is himself the subject of a grant by charter. The grants of men included in this collection are numerous enough to suggest a strong element of serfdom in this region. That it is unwise to see a serf in every man whose name stands in the accusative case after a verb of donation will appear later ; relationships of very diverse character might be created by the same formula of conveyance. The ambiguity of this formula gives importance to a group of charters in the Newhouse series which demonstrate that in Lincolnshire and under Henry II a serf could be sold apart from his tenement. In one of these documents William Berner for twenty shillings to himself and a cloak worth two shillings to his wife sells his *rusticus* Edric with his sons and daughters to Ernis de Neville.<sup>2</sup> In another, the same William, for two marks to himself and two shillings to his wife, grants to the same Ernis the bovaté and *mansio* which were Edric's in Habrough at a yearly rent of sixpence or two silvered spurs.<sup>3</sup> In a third, Ernis grants both Edric and his bovaté to Newhouse abbey in pure and perpetual alms,<sup>4</sup> in a fourth, this gift is confirmed by Thomas d'Arci, Ernis's lord.<sup>5</sup> This conclusive evidence that under Henry II an unfree family, without its tenement, could be bought for twenty-two shillings assists the interpretation of other charters whose meaning is less plain. The price is high, perhaps abnormally high, though it is approached by the twenty shillings which Geoffrey of Hackthorn received *caritatis gratia* from Bullington priory for his man Robert son of Mawe.<sup>6</sup> But the same priory gave only

<sup>1</sup> D. B. i. 233.<sup>2</sup> No. 273.<sup>3</sup> No. 274.<sup>4</sup> No. 275.<sup>5</sup> No. 276.<sup>6</sup> No. 37.

ten shillings to Agnes of Wainfleet and Reingot her son for a quit-claim of their man Walter son of William son of Leviat of Winthorpe with all his chattels,<sup>1</sup> and Thomas son of William quit-claimed William Staflous to Walter Galle for twelve pence and a mare worth three shillings.<sup>2</sup> The normal price of a serf is as elusive a quantity as the normal rent of a bovate.

Among the remaining grants of men which follow in this book no two are expressed in identical words of gift. The common formula of a later time by which a serf was conveyed together with his issue and chattels was already known in the twelfth century; Rannulf of Mattersey, for example, granted to Rufford abbey Hugh son of Rannulf of Willoughby *et totam progeniem suam cum omnibus catallis suis*.<sup>3</sup> Issue and chattels are continually specified as appurtenances of a man conveyed by charter, but so are his land, his homage, and his service, no combination of these appurtenances was impossible in the twelfth century. It is true that the personal annexation of a man to a tenement, in which we may see a note of unfree status, could upon occasion be asserted; Earl William of Lincoln gave to Crowland abbey half a carucate of his land in Sibsey *cum hominibus in eadem carrucata manentibus et eidem terre pertinentibus cum catallis suis*; <sup>4</sup> but phrases of this kind are rare in comparison with those which represent the man who is conveyed as the tenant rather than the serf of his grantor. Under Henry II Philip of Kyme confirmed to Bullington priory Reginald of Osbournby *cum tota terra sua quam de feudo meo tenet uidelicet boueta et dimidia et cum omnibus que pertinent ad eum*.<sup>5</sup> Maud of Stafford gave to a goddaughter and namesake the tenement which Torverd le mutere and Gilbert his son held of her in Theddlethorpe *et ipsum Toruerdum et Gilebertum filium eius cum tota secta eorum*.<sup>6</sup> These formulas are more suggestive

<sup>1</sup> No. 113.

<sup>2</sup> No. 535. Under Henry II Ralf son of Simon of Edlington quit-claimed to Bardney abbey William son of Swartebrand *cum tota generatione sua que de eo descendit* for eight shillings (Cott. Vesp. E. xx. 100).

<sup>3</sup> No. 374. Under Henry II William Gubald gave to Sempringham priory the three sons of Robert of Rippingale *cum posteritate eorum et cum suis catallis* (Add. Chart. 21096).

<sup>4</sup> No. 516.

<sup>5</sup> No. 88, see below, p. lxxxv.

<sup>6</sup> No. 483, cf. Nos. 484-5, which confirm Torverd's land without reference to the gift of Torverd himself. The word *secta* in Maud's charter is somewhat unusual in such a context. That it does not bear its normal sense of suit may be inferred from its employment in other charters as equivalent to the customary *sequela*.



of tenure than of personal subordination. It is easy to read into such phrases more than they meant to those who composed them, but it is certainly suggestive that they were generally avoided by those who drafted conveyances of serfs in the reign of Henry III and afterwards.

Moreover, in contrast with the doctrine which was afterwards to prevail, a twelfth-century charter may well include the homage of a man who is conveyed in person among the appurtenances which pass with the grant. Herbert son of Adelard, for two marks of silver, quit-claimed to Bullington priory William son of John of Orby *et humagium eius et omnia catalla sua*; Hugh de Chennei quit-claimed to the same house Hugh son of Godard of Hackthorn *et humagium eius cum omni sequela sua et omnibus catallis suis*.<sup>1</sup> The phrasing of these passages suggests very strongly that both William and Hugh were reckoned unfree; it is suggestive that the latter is not known to have witnessed any of the scores of charters relating to the Bullington estate in Hackthorn.<sup>2</sup> On the other hand, there is reason to believe that a grant of a man's person, issue, and chattels might in operation come to nothing more than a transfer of his homage and service. Under Henry II, Ridel of Keisby granted to Sempringham priory Aschur his man, his heirs, and all his chattels, but limited the force of these words by adding a clause to the effect that Aschur had given eighteen shillings for this conveyance of his homage.<sup>3</sup> The language of this charter need not be construed to mean that Aschur was a free man at the time when the grant was made, but it shows that the phrases in contemporary texts which dispose in absolute terms of a man's issue and goods will not bear a very strict interpretation. The incidental way in which charters of this age refer to the homage of men whose unfreedom may be presumed<sup>4</sup> agrees with other

In No. 403 Roger de Montbegon gave to the canons of Sulby Simon son of Henry *cum omnibus catallis suis et cum omni secta sua*, in No. 418 Henry of Stretton gave to Langley priory two bovates at Willoughby on the Wolds in Nottinghamshire *illas uidelicet bouatas cum tofto et crofto quas Radulfus filius Osmundi tenuit et cum eodem Radulfo et secta sua*. The latter phrase is evidently identical in meaning with the more concise expression *duas bouatas terre quas Ulfketel tenuit cum ipso Ulfketel et suis* employed in a contemporary charter of Richard of Wiverton conferring land in the same village upon the same house. No. 417.

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 87, 39.

<sup>2</sup> Add. MS. 6118, pp. 411 to 418 *passim*.

<sup>3</sup> No. 439.

<sup>4</sup> Passages which refer to homage in such a context occur in the early charters of many religious houses. Osbert of Langton, for thirty shillings to himself and four shillings, a sheep, and a lamb to Sibyl his wife, granted Rannulf son of

evidence which shows that the criteria by which the lawyers of the thirteenth century were to distinguish the free man from the serf were quite indifferent to the men of an earlier age. This indifference, when carried to the point of permitting an unfree peasant to do homage to his lord becomes very interesting to the student of servile origins. The essence of homage lay in its solemn assertion of a duty incumbent upon lord as well as man, a duty of protection to be given in return for service and faith. We have no reason to assume that the ceremony of homage had lost its ancient religious significance by the time of Henry II or had degenerated thus early into a formal incident of peasant tenure. If lords in the twelfth century were taking the homage of men whose persons, children, and goods were theirs to give or sell by charter, it may justly be inferred that the original independence of the inferior party had not yet passed beyond the limit of memory.

But quite apart from this question of homage, the mere formula of conveyance will not bear a very strict construction. A man might make a grant of his own son-in-law. *Ego Willelmus filius Roberti concessione et assensu heredum meorum dedi . . . Willelmo de Sais . . . pro homagio suo et servitio totam terram que fuit Edrici de Scupeholm . . . et Willelmum filium Godrici generum meum de Sumerchotes cum terra sua et servitio suo scilicet x solidos per annum.*<sup>1</sup> No doubt it was intended by this grant that William de Sais should receive the homage and rent of William

Richard Ueche of Hagworthingham *cum tota sequela sua et homagium ipsius* to Bardney abbey (Cott. Vesp. E. xx, f. 111). Robert de Pormort, for *pecunia* and *census* of undefined amount, gave Hacon son of Osbert and Geoffrey son of Ansgot with the homage which they owed him and with their chattels to Alvingham priory (Laud MS. 642, f. 59 b). Ralf Halselin gave to Haverholme priory Robert son of Ascer Hals of Leasingham *cum omnibus catallis suis et humagium [sic] quod mihi debuit* (Lansd. MS. 207 A, p. 96, cf. Exch. K. R. Memoranda Roll 183, viii). The last three words are important, for they show that Robert had been bound by the tie of homage to his lord before he became the subject of the present grant. Ormsby priory received from Hugh de Wildeker the homage and chattels of Alan son of Leueric of Fotherby; William de Iseni gave to Sixle priory the homages of Hugh and Robert sons of Gladuin of Stapleford with all their issue (Exch. K. R. Memoranda Roll 185). These formulas were susceptible of endless variation.

<sup>1</sup> No. 553. A Nottinghamshire charter of the mid-twelfth century goes to the length of making a brother the personal dependant of his sister. Thomas of Cuckney gives to one Ailive and to his youngest surviving daughter by her the land of her father and Richard her brother with his land, to hold of the Hospital of Jerusalem until the return of Thomas from the Sepulchre. Of the consequences of the tie thus established between Ailive and her brother we are told nothing, but its creation is in itself a fact of exceptional interest (Bodleian Library, Nottinghamshire Charters 2).



son of Godric and such further payments as arose from the dependence of his tenure, but it is interesting to see that the formula of personal conveyance was considered appropriate to the transfer of such limited rights over its subject. Indeed, for all its unqualified simplicity, it is certain that this formula often meant in practice nothing more than the transfer of a tenant's service. It is not well to argue too closely from the wording of a single document, for other charters relating to the same gift may very materially alter its complexion. The charter by which Philip of Kyme confirmed to Bullington priory in absolute terms Reginald of Osbournby with his land and all things that belonged to him<sup>1</sup> should be supplemented by the abstract of a later charter derived from the lost Bullington cartulary by which the prior and convent granted their land of Osbournby to Reginald's son Walter and his heirs.<sup>2</sup> Conversely, behind the grant of three bovates in Scampton which Richard son of Thomas received from the abbot and convent of Kirkstead their lies a charter of Ralf son of Gilbert granting to the abbey Richard's father Thomas son of Wigot, his teneement, being the three bovates of the later charter, his sons, and their chattels.<sup>3</sup> It is evident that the security of a man's tenure was not necessarily affected by the fact that he became the subject of a grant by charter.<sup>4</sup>

It follows that early grants of men, precise as their terminology may seem, should not be regarded as an index to the general body of serfdom in any region.<sup>5</sup> If such a grant commonly meant to its subject nothing more than the substitution of one lord for another, there was no reason why the formula of conveyance should not be applied to free men. It had been applied to them in an age which was already remote in the twelfth

<sup>1</sup> No. 88.

<sup>2</sup> Add. MS. 6118, p. 392 b.

<sup>3</sup> No. 215, Cott. Vesp. E. xviii, f. 99. Under Henry II Robert the Steward and his wife Rohaise Countess of Lincoln, without reference to the abbey, granted to Thomas son of Wigot the whole of his father's land in Scampton (Harl. Chart. 55 E. 13, *The Topographer and Genealogist*, i. 319).

<sup>4</sup> This security of tenure is brought out very clearly by two charters of the early thirteenth century in the muniment room of Lincoln cathedral (D. & C. Linc. D. ii. 91/3. 10, 15). In the first, Gilbert son of Harald granted to the canons, with formulae appropriate to the conveyance of a serf, William son of Grinkel, with his issue and chattels, and half a bovat in Theddlethorpe. In the second charter, written in the same hand and obviously at the same time as the first, the Dean and Chapter confirmed that half bovat to William and his heirs at a yearly rent of two shillings.

<sup>5</sup> It would, for example, be unwise to assume the unfreedom of Richard *nepos* of Uviet, who was granted by Roger de Mowbray to Roger of Arden *ad terram suam edificandam et restaurandam* (No. 472).

century. Bishop Remi of Lincoln produced before the Domesday commissioners for Huntingdonshire the writ by which King Edward gave a certain Leofric with all his land *in episcopatum Lincolie*. In 1066 this Leofric had held a manor of three hides and a virgate at Orton in that county;<sup>1</sup> presumably he was a thegn. If the upland priest was a peasant we cannot well regard him as a serf, yet Martin the priest is included among the eight men of Denton in Grantham soke given by Ursel de Crasmesnil to Belvoir priory.<sup>2</sup> Men conveyed by charter may often have been the representatives of men registered as sokemen in the Domesday survey, nor is it necessary to explain all such cases by a depression of the peasantry. We may not fairly demand from clerks who wrote charters in the time of Henry II the consistent use of formulae which should distinguish the gift of a serf from the transfer of a free man's dues and service.

How far payments in money had supplanted the organization of labour service by the end of the twelfth century is a difficult question. The Danelaw is a wide region, and a great part of it is not illustrated by early charters at all. That labour of an onerous kind might be exacted from the unfree in Lincolnshire is proved by the early surveys in the *Liber Niger* of Peterborough. And yet the suspicion somehow arises that in these shires the peasantry may often have passed directly from a system of rents in kind to a system of rents in money without traversing the intermediate stage of labour under seignorial direction.<sup>3</sup> The surest evidence of manorial discipline anywhere is the prevalence of week work; there are facts which suggest that the villeins and bordars of the Danelaw Domesday may upon some, perhaps upon many, estates have been exempt from this particular burden.<sup>4</sup> Now and again there appears

<sup>1</sup> *D. B. i.* 203 b, 208 b.

<sup>2</sup> *Hist. MSS. Comm., Rutland Report*, iv. 99. An almost contemporary confirmation of this gift by Luke de Crasmesnil enumerates seven of the eight men who occur in Ursel's charter but omits the name of Martin the priest. The omission may be due to a sense that the name of a priest should not be introduced in such a context. There is, however, good later evidence for the conveyance of priests. Under Henry II Jocelin of Fleet gave to the monks of Castle Acre the church of Fleet with the priest and with all its liberties and appurtenances (*Harl. MS.* 2110, f. 76 b).

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Vinogradoff in *Economic Review*.

<sup>4</sup> Evidence about the detail of labour service could only occur incidentally in the record of a conveyance; it has not been observed in any original charter coming from the twelfth-century Danelaw, and it is rarely found in cartulary texts. But at Wold Newton in Lincolnshire a lord who gave his whole demesne to Alvingham priory fortunately specified the *consuetudines operandi* which



a piece of definite evidence revealing a rent-paying peasantry, as when Walter son of Hugh granted to Kirkstead abbey a rent of two shillings from the lands which Richer and Tutan held in Kirkby on Bain with the provision that if they made default the donor or his heirs would pay those two shillings.<sup>1</sup> Moreover, when gifts are made in *libratae* or *solidatae terrae* it is always a reasonable assumption that a rent-paying peasantry was seated on the soil, and gifts of this type are common. In one case a clerk who was not afraid of inelegancies of draftsman-ship has set down the actual component parts of such a grant. According to the charter which he wrote Ralf de Agnis gave to St. Michael's priory at Stamford half a mark of silver from his land of Ketton with the men holding the land from which that rent was derived. The details of the grant are described as half a bovaté which Geoffrey campiun holds, another half bovaté which Robert Brun holds, the land respectively of Maud the widow and William de Bradecrout, the service of Richard of Easton which is five pence farthing, and four pence from the ténement of William the reeve of Ketton.<sup>2</sup> Apparently to this particular clerk the gift of a tenement, of a tenant's service, of a rent from a tenement, all meant the same thing, and that, a money payment. An isolated charter from the Wiltshire priory of Southwick sets out in similar terms the details of a rent

belonged to his fee there, *scilicet bis in anno cum aratris et bis cum hercis et bis cum quadrigis et quatuor prateres ad metendas segetes* (Laud MS. 642, f. 148). The lord in question, Osbert son of Robert, was a descendant of the Walbert who appears as tenant of the Bishop of Durham in Domesday, i. 340 b. The estate can be identified in Domesday, i. 340 b, where it included a demesne team and two villeins and two bordars with half a team. It is interesting to see that the successors of these people in the time of Henry II owed no week work to their lord. A parallel case from Nottinghamshire is recorded in an Assize Roll of 9 Edward I. Seven tenants of the manor of Cotham impleading Roger de Vaux, their lord, for increasing their services asserted that when the manor had been in the hand of king Henry II each tenant of one bovaté had paid fifteen pence a year and made one suit a year at the court of the manor and that all the tenants had found one armed horseman (*equus armatus*) for the king's army everywhere in England for forty days at their own charges (Assize Roll 684, m. 7 b). They supported their plea by the assertion that they were tenants upon Ancient Demesne, and in this they failed: in 1086 the manor in question, occupied by five villeins and one bordar, had formed part of the fee of the Bishop of Bayeux (*D. B.* i. 284). The tenants therefore lost their suit (Assize Roll 1077, m. 34 b), but their failure does not affect the substantial justice of their claim. Such cases are important as proving that an economy based upon week work cannot be assumed to have prevailed universally in the eleventh century even upon manors inhabited exclusively by a population whose descendants were to be considered unfree in a later age.

<sup>1</sup> No. 181.

<sup>2</sup> No. 444.

of the same amount derived from tenements in the same neighbourhood. The half *marcata* of rent which Lucy de Humet gave that house comprised two shillings and four pence from the land which Lewin held, with Lewin himself and all the appurtenances of that land, three shillings from the land which Oswald held, and sixteen pence from the land which William held.<sup>1</sup> In these cases the initial expression of the grant in terms of a round sum of money removes the common uncertainty as to the real nature of the tenant's obligation; it is evident that these people are bound to their lord by a cash nexus, although all the tenants named in the first charter were granted along with their holdings, and the Lewin of the second charter is obviously considered as appurtenant to his tenement.

That the payments made by people of this class did not at all nearly approximate to the economic rent of their tenements may be held for certain. The rents of a settled peasantry, like its services, were governed in the main by custom. Nevertheless it can be seen that even in the same place and at the same time there was no necessary ratio between the content of a holding and the rent which it produced. In the reign of Henry II Henry de Campania granted a bovaté and a half in Humberstone to his nephew Gocelin for two shillings and six pence yearly, six pence for Thurgot's bovaté, and two shillings for the half bovaté of Reginald son of Milda.<sup>2</sup> This violent discrepancy presumably represents the difference between the payments and services due respectively from Thurgot and Reginald, a matter upon which we have no direct information. In the feodary of the Templars, the only detailed rental of this age which we possess, there are distinct traces of a standard rent for the bovaté in each village; this is one of the economic results of an efficient administration. But in the Danelaw as a whole the ancient freedom of a great part of the peasantry was a serious obstacle to the imposition from above of a uniform system of rent and service.

The feature of greatest interest in the social order of the Danelaw is the large class of landholders who were personally free and whose freedom seems from all the evidence to represent the status of the sokemen of the eleventh century. The terminology of twelfth-century texts is in itself too vague to permit the identification of members of this class; the common formulas which assert the fact of a peasant's tenure tell nothing as to its condition. It follows from the nature of the extant

<sup>1</sup> No. 441.

<sup>2</sup> No. 476.



material that the freeholder of small estate is most clearly revealed to us through his power of disposing of his land by charter. He is shown exercising this power in more than a score of texts in the present collection. But an estimate of his numbers founded upon charters alone is certain to err very greatly by way of understatement quite apart from the fact that such charters have certainly perished by the hundred without record. The procedure of conveyance by surrender and admittance was by no means confined in the twelfth century to lands of unfree tenure. *Ego Iohannes filius Ricardi reddidi et quietam clamavi . . . sanctimonialibus de Bulingtun . . . dimidiam bovatom terre . . . in manu Philippi de Kima domini mei ad opus predictarum sanctimonialium*<sup>1</sup>—these words, it is plain, describe a symbolical act of transfer similar to that which formed the essential part of the later copyhold conveyance. In fear of future controversy a donor might make his lord a participant in the execution of his gift; William son of Roger of Huntingfield gave lands to Kirkstead abbey *presente et concedente Mauricio de Creun et per baculum istam elemosinam meam confirmando*.<sup>2</sup> In comparison with this ancient procedure a charter was only supplementary evidence which might be omitted. It is certain that the extant series of charters issued by small freeholders in the twelfth century gives a very inadequate impression of the real numbers and importance of the class.

The origin of the free tenures that are revealed in this way presents a difficult problem. In various documents which follow, lords may be seen creating new tenancies by charter. William son of Robert, for example, gave to Robert son of Ivo a bovate in Ashby Magna, Leicestershire, being half the virgate that Herbert formerly held, for two spurs or six pence yearly.<sup>3</sup> But it is evident from other texts that a man might be enfeoffed by charter in the tenement which his ancestors had

<sup>1</sup> No. 64. A parallel case of surrender in the court of a Nottinghamshire manor is recorded in a late twelfth-century charter in the cartulary of Rufford abbey, *Ego Robertus Starlett et Beatrix uxor mea in presentia domini nostri Rogeri de Haira et domine nostre uxoris eius Matildis de Hersi et coram Alimot de Aikeryng (Eakring, Nottinghamshire) clamavimus monachis de Rufford duas bovatas terre in territorio de Aikring liberas et quietas ab omni calumpnia . . . illas scilicet . . . quas reddidimus coram alimotto per lignum et baculum in manibus domini nostri Rogeri de Haira et uxor(is) eius Matildis de Heresi . . . Hoc totum firmiter tenendum affidavimus in manu domini nostri Rogeri de Haira et ipsius Rogeri sigillum huic carte nostre appendi fecimus in testimonium (Harl. MS. 1063, f. 18).* In No. 19 Philip of Kyme grants to the nuns of Bullington certain land in Faldingworth which Reingot and Ralf, his men, had surrendered (*reddiderunt*) and quit-claimed to him, presumably in order that he might make this gift.

<sup>2</sup> No. 157.

<sup>3</sup> No. 442.

held before him, that the succession of an heir or of a new lord might give occasion for a re-grant of the holding. It is true that early charters of this type are rare, a peasant's title deeds were insecure, but three original re-grants of this kind are printed below. In one, Reiner of Welton granted to Richard 'de Sune-torp' and his heirs two bovates in Welton le Marsh and Sloothby to hold as Teodbald Richard's grandfather had best held them in the time of King Henry II for four shillings yearly.<sup>1</sup> In another, Gervase of Halton informs his lords Roger of Benni-worth and Peter of Goxhill that he has granted to Lefwin son of Elwin the priest the whole of his father's land, namely four bovates, for the same service at which he had received it from Ralf, Gervase's brother.<sup>2</sup> The service is stated and looks old; it comprised a yearly rent of eight shillings, a present (*exenium*) worth twelve pence, a cart load of hay when Gervase led his hay, and a cart load of wheat at the time of reaping. In a third, Guy de la Val granted to William son of Walthef his free man, for ten shillings a year, the toft and three bovates in North Thoresby which William's father had held.<sup>3</sup> There is no need to read into any of these charters anything more than the expression in writing of tenurial conditions formerly observed by way of custom.<sup>4</sup> A grant by charter is good evidence that its recipient was free, it need not be taken as necessarily modifying his relations with his lord.

It may, therefore, be presumed that a large number of the freeholders who appear by name in twelfth-century charters represent members of the great body of independent peasants registered as sokemen in the Domesday survey. It would be unwise to speak more definitely, for the word sokeman is rarely found in early charters; we are fortunate when they include some incidental passage relevant to the history of the tenement

<sup>1</sup> No. 489.

<sup>2</sup> No. 474.

<sup>3</sup> No. 534. Between 1211 and 1232 William by a charter under his own seal quit-claimed this tenement to John de Lacy, Constable of Chester, for twenty pounds (*Ancient Deeds*, L. 3012). In 1086 Ilbert (de Laci) had held of the Bishop of Bayeux a manor in North Thoresby and Audby on which were 27 sokemen, 23 villeins, and 5 bordars (*D. B.* i. 342 b). It is probable that William son of Walthef represented one or more of those twenty-seven sokemen.

<sup>4</sup> The element of custom in the twelfth-century conception of service explains the appearance of charters which record the grant of a tenement to the heir of its former holder without any specification of the conditions of tenure. *Radulfus Clarel concessit Normano filio Besing de Martun* (Martin, co. Nottingham) *terram patris sui scilicet unam bovatom et iiii acras* (Dodsworth MS. clii, p. 177), is an example of the indefinite phraseology permitted in early re-grants.



to which they relate. Such a passage, for example, occurs in both the charters by which Walter and Roger the sons of Levenat grant their respective tenements in Morton by Retford to Rufford abbey.<sup>1</sup> Each donor refers to the service due to his lords of Bothamsall, and in Domesday the greater part of the hamlet of Morton, inhabited by seven sokemen and one bordar, is entered as sokeland of this royal manor.<sup>2</sup> As a rule, the identification of the holding of a twelfth-century peasant with an ancient sokeman's tenement is a matter of inference founded upon the history of the estate of which the holding in question formed a part. The predecessors of the four Nottinghamshire peasants who gave to Rufford abbey four bovates of the d'Aincurt fee at Kelham<sup>3</sup> may reasonably be sought among the sixteen sokemen who, with three bordars, held sokeland there in 1086 of Walter de Aincurt's manor of Rolleston.<sup>4</sup> The probability of such identification depends upon the circumstances of each particular case, but it is in general to be observed that Domesday will reveal a group of sokemen in a village which in the following century produces men of modest estate who are competent to alienate their land by charter.

Other texts in the Rufford series continue the evidence for the independent peasant in central Nottinghamshire. There has already been published in facsimile the original charter by which Wulsi son of Wulf of Eakring, providing that the monks should receive Godwine his son into their house, surrendered to the abbey three acres of arable of which he must have been the tenant.<sup>5</sup> Four charters which are printed below illustrate the position of another landholding family settled in the same place. Robert and Herbert sons of Scakel granted to the abbey five acres and a rood of arable there; by the same charter they released their right in a bovaté at Rufford, once held by Ongrim their uncle, which Robert his son and heir gave in alms at the time when he became a monk.<sup>6</sup> This release is interesting, for it shows the dispersal of tenements possessed by different members of the same family of peasant landholders. Later charters record the sale of four selions in Eakring by Robert Scakel to the abbey, and the grant by William of Hereford of a bovaté and a half which were Herbert Scakel's; the deed by

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 369, 370.

<sup>2</sup> i. 281.

<sup>3</sup> No. 358.

<sup>4</sup> i. 288 b.

<sup>5</sup> *Facsimiles of Royal and other Charters in the British Museum*, No. 48 (Harl. Chart. 112 H. 17).

<sup>6</sup> No. 350.

which Robert Scakel enfeofed Fulk son of Roger in an acre of arable at a rent of a penny a year was also preserved among the muniments of the house.<sup>1</sup> All the tests of independence which we can apply are satisfied by Robert and Herbert. They were free to deal with their land by way of gift, sale, or enfeofment, they could authenticate their charters with their own seals,<sup>2</sup> they appear as witnesses to other men's charters.<sup>3</sup> It is not easy to find a duplicate of the name Scakel which their father bore, but its Scandinavian origin is obvious; Ougrim, the name of their uncle, is well recorded in Northern literature.<sup>4</sup> The best explanation that can be offered of their position is the theory that they represent one or more of the nine sokemen who had been established at Eakring a century before.<sup>5</sup>

The facts which can be used to illustrate the position of the sons of Scakel are unusually numerous. Too often a single charter supplies the whole of our meagre information about its grantor. Of Richard son of Sired of Burgh le Marsh we only know that he gave thirteen selions to Bullington priory by a charter under his own seal.<sup>6</sup> Grants of this kind are insignificant so long as they remain isolated among the other charters in a collection; their value for social history turns on the impression they produce when they are brought together into a series. The earliest and most interesting charter of this type included in this book, one of the few original grants to Sempringham priory which have not yet been printed, records the gift of seventeen acres of essarted woodland at Hawthorpe by Ralf

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 352, 353, 351.

<sup>2</sup> It is probable that in the time of Henry II a peasant's seal was something of a novelty. The seal appended to No. 350 is a large lump of wax impressed with two circles each filled with a pattern composed of reticulated lines. Of Robert Scakel's two seals one, No. 351, bears a fleur-de-lys, the other, No. 352, what is apparently a scallop. It was obviously not yet necessary for a man to use the same device consistently. Roger son of Levenat, who had no seal of his own, caused his charter to the monks of Rufford, No. 370, to be sealed with his wife's key.

<sup>3</sup> Robert son of Scakel and Herbert his brother attest No. 354, a charter of Ralf of Hereford.

<sup>4</sup> It is possible that Scakel may stand for the common name Skamkell. Ougrim represents the ON. *Auðgrímr*.

<sup>5</sup> In 1086 the village of Eakring had included two parcels of sokeland belonging respectively to the royal manor of Mansfield and Geoffrey Alselin's manor of Laxton. No inhabitants are assigned to either of these parcels (*D. B. i.* 281, 289). Gilbert de Gand held two manors there with a total recorded population of 9 sokemen, 4 villeins, and 5 bordars (*ibid.* 290 b). The sons of Scakel were tenants upon the Gand fee.

<sup>6</sup> No. 29.



son of Spraceli and William his brother.<sup>1</sup> Like the sons of Scakel at Eakring in Nottinghamshire, these brothers jointly promised a warranty of their gift. Their personal freedom is certain; they appear in another charter to Sempringham priory among the sureties proffered by Robert of Langton their lord for the observance of an agreement with that house.<sup>2</sup> Their own charter, including, as it does, a promise to acquit their gift against the king, his servants, and all their lords, from all gelds, aids, and customs, bears directly upon the position of the free peasantry in an earlier age. The men who made this promise were certainly responsible for the fiscal charges incumbent on their tenements; the promise itself agrees with the other evidence which suggests that a similar responsibility had lain upon the sokemen of the eleventh century.

A mile to the south of Hawthorpe is the village of Bulby. Three original charters relate to a holding of half a bovate and two acres in this place granted in the late twelfth century to Sempringham priory.<sup>3</sup> In the first of these documents, John son of Hasti, the donor, states that the holding lies by the land of his stepmother's dowry. In the second, he describes it as belonging to the bovate which his father had acquired at law against Robert of Langton. In the third, Geoffrey son of Asketin defines it as lying to the south of the land of the dowry of his mother Beatrice. These varying definitions combine to indicate that the bovate from which the holding was detached had lain in a compact stretch of land. But the most interesting feature presented by these charters is the varied representation of the name borne by the donor's father. The form Hasti employed in the first two charters is a colloquial diminutive of the full name Asketin employed in the third.<sup>4</sup> The inscription upon the seal of Geoffrey son of Asketin described him as *filius Astini*. The original name was undoubtedly the Scandinavian *Asketill*, and the indifference with which either the full or a contracted

<sup>1</sup> No. 438. The original of this charter exists in duplicate. The name Spraceli does not seem to be recorded in Scandinavia, and its precise form is uncertain. In the duplicate text of this charter Ralf styles himself *filius Sparcli*. The form Spraceli is certainly nearer the original, Sparcli results from metathesis. If the original had been a compound of ON. *ketell* > *kell* the form Spraceli would represent a very anomalous syncope. It is probable that Spraceli is a weak personal name treated as indeclinable.

<sup>2</sup> Add. Chart. 20638.

<sup>3</sup> Nos. 434-6.

<sup>4</sup> This definite equation is interesting, for normally the form Hasti would be taken to represent an ON. *Hásteinn*.

form is employed in these texts is a testimony to the vitality of the ancient personal nomenclature of this region. There is nothing to suggest that the family was of more than peasant rank; the charters which have been quoted may be accepted as continuing the series of grants executed by free men of modest estate.

Four twelfth-century charters of the same class have survived from the muniments of Kirkstead abbey. Three of them seem to be earlier than the death of Henry II. In the first, Turolð son of Toli of Halltoft gave the whole of his land at Windesland near Freiston to the abbey;<sup>1</sup> the villages east of Boston had included a great population of sokemen in 1086. Two charters which record the grant of lands in Roughton by Walter son of Godric<sup>2</sup> owe their interest to the tenurial condition of the village a hundred years before. Domesday assigns to Roughton a population composed exclusively of sokemen,<sup>3</sup> and the antiquity of the free tenement whose existence is implied by these Roughton charters can thus be asserted with unusual confidence. By a fourth charter coming from the very end of the century the abbey received a croft in Coningsby from Roger son of a Godric whom there is no reason to identify with the Godric of Roughton.<sup>4</sup> These charters could be supplemented by more than a dozen texts of which the only record that remains is a series of entries in the cartulary of Kirkstead abbey.<sup>5</sup> The few twelfth-century charters of this kind which have descended from the other monasteries of the Danelaw cannot be reinforced in the same way. In the far north-west of Lincolnshire Thorald son of Oviet of Owston in Axholme granted the moiety of his toft in Kinnardferry to the canons of Sulby;<sup>6</sup> it is

<sup>1</sup> No. 160. Halltoft is in the parish of Freiston. Toli of Halltoft, Turolð's father, attests No. 157.

<sup>2</sup> Nos. 192-3. In the latter charter Walter is associated with his brother Robert, a lay brother of Kirkstead. Their father Godric may be identified with the Godric son of Gympe who gave three acres of arable and half an acre of meadow to the abbey when the monks received Gympe his father into their house (Cott. Vesp. E. xviii, f. 140 b). These three generations carry the family back to the early part of the twelfth century.

<sup>3</sup> Eight sokemen held twelve gelding bovates of the soke of Horncastle, and an enigmatical three and a half sokemen are assigned another twelve bovates which were sokeland of Robert Dispensator's manor of Thornton (*D. B.* i. 339, 363 b).

<sup>4</sup> No. 201.

<sup>5</sup> It is suggestive that most of these grants relate to villages which were members of extensive sokes in 1086.

<sup>6</sup> No. 402.



remarkable that Domesday records no sokemen at Owston in 1086.<sup>1</sup> There is a wider interest in the mutilated deed<sup>2</sup> by which Alan the dyer of Lincoln and Robert son of Colgrim 'before the knights in ten wapentakes at Ancaster' quit-claimed seven selions in Honington to Stixwould priory, but in the absence of any cartulary of this house it is impossible to discover the relationship which existed between Alan and Robert. In any case they were not the only native holders of free land in Honington: under Henry II Hamon son of Toli had quit-claimed a bovate there to the nuns of Stixwould.<sup>3</sup>

But in a group of villages near the coast in the far east of Lincolnshire it is possible to prove the existence of a large body of small landholders competent to alienate land by charter. Among the private documents preserved among the muniments of the Duchy of Lancaster a long series of charters relates to land in the three parishes which in the twelfth century bore the common name of Saltfleetby. In 1086 the greater part of this place had been a member of the royal soke of Gayton, with a population of forty sokemen and nine bordars. Three sokemen and one villein held sokeland there of the bishop of Durham's fee. Rainer de Brimou and William Blund possessed tenements which were returned as waste.<sup>4</sup> As described in Domesday, Saltfleetby is a good example of a village under divided lordship in which the customary freeholds of the time before the Conquest had not yet been disturbed by the creation of demesne farms. A series of documents beginning in the reign of Henry II and extending into that of Edward I shows the small landholders of this place dealing as they would with their land by charters authenticated with their individual seals. Most of these texts relate to the property of a family whose first recorded member is a certain Walter Galle, a tenant, and perhaps by descent a sokeman, upon the fee of the Bishop of Durham.<sup>5</sup> Already between 1170 and 1175 Walter had deraigned a tenement in Saltfleetby against Geoffrey of Keddington his immediate

<sup>1</sup> Nine villeins and six bordars occupied land rated at four carucates (*D. B.* i. 369).

<sup>2</sup> No. 384.

<sup>3</sup> Hamon's charter is only known at present from an abbreviated copy in the inadequate report upon the manuscripts of Lady Waterford, *Hist. MSS. Comm.*, 11th Report, part vii, p. 59.

<sup>4</sup> *D. B.* i. 338 b, 341, 364, 366.

<sup>5</sup> Walter held of Geoffrey of Keddington (Nos. 538, 9), who held two knight's fees in Lincolnshire of the bishop in 1166 (*Red Book of the Exchequer*, 415).

lord.<sup>1</sup> Some years later he received from Wigot son of Asger an acre and a half to hold at a yearly rent of two pence half-penny.<sup>2</sup> In 1183 he was party to a final concord made, before the soke of Gayton, with Alan the clerk of Saltfleetby.<sup>3</sup> In the time of Odo Walter's son and of Philip his grandson the charters in which the family was interested become embarrassing from their number. The bulk of them fall outside the limit of time which defines the present collection. But already before 1200 Osbert son of Godive granted to Odo Galle three acres less half a rood to hold of the abbey of Langonnet.<sup>4</sup> Robert son of Wigot granted him an acre of meadow to hold at a rent of three farthings.<sup>5</sup> Robert son of Thorald of Saltfleetby granted him eight acres of meadow to hold at a rent of twelve pence.<sup>6</sup> Robert son of William son of Hancetin of Louth granted him four acres and half a rood of meadow to hold at the same rent.<sup>7</sup> From his own kinsfolk John and Alan, sons of Arnald Galle, Odo bought the eighteen acres which Robert son of Acke had held of their father in Saltfleetby. Their charter was made with the assent of their mother Pupelina and of their three sisters; the seals of John and Pupelina and of two of the sisters named Alice and Geneveva are still pendant to this document.<sup>8</sup> There are few charters which show, like this, all the individual members of a family severally associated in a grant. An edition of the texts which continue the series into the thirteenth century would demonstrate for once the independence of the mediaeval peasantry of a Danelaw village.<sup>9</sup>

There was an independent peasantry in the other villages of this region. At Skidbrooke to the north of Saltfleetby Gilbert son of Magnus of Somercotes granted to Boniva daughter of Rannulf of the same place a parcel of land at a yearly rent of one halfpenny.<sup>10</sup> At Somercotes itself Boniva daughter of Basing

<sup>1</sup> No. 538.

<sup>2</sup> No. 537.

<sup>3</sup> No. 536. In 1188 Walter was party to a final concord with Adelild daughter of Hialsi of Holme touching 40 acres in Saltfleetby (*Ancient Deeds*, L 2904). This document, which is one of the earliest original fines now extant, will be printed by Canon C. W. Foster in a forthcoming volume of Lincolnshire Final Concords (Lincoln Record Society).

<sup>4</sup> No. 543.

<sup>5</sup> No. 546.

<sup>6</sup> No. 542.

<sup>7</sup> No. 545.

<sup>8</sup> No. 551.

<sup>9</sup> Transcripts of these charters fill a considerable portion of the Great Coucher of the Duchy of Lancaster (D. of L. Misc. Books II). The greater number of the originals are still preserved in the Public Record Office (*Ancient Deeds*, Series L and LS). A monograph on these and other charters relating to Gayton Soke is being prepared by Miss D. M. Parsons of University College, Reading.

<sup>10</sup> No. 555.



granted six and a half acres to Odo Galle for eight pence three farthings a year.<sup>1</sup> And at some unidentified place within the soke of Gayton Acer son of Laude made Robert of Well his heir of all the lands which were of Acer's inheritance. His charter was witnessed by John son of Gichel, then steward, and by many free men of the soke, Odo Galle among them.<sup>2</sup> The evidence of these charters could be supplemented by that of many texts preserved in other collections. The muniment room of Lincoln cathedral contains a series of original charters made in the twelfth and early thirteenth centuries by small landholders in Saltfleetby. It begins with a document of 1176 by which Ketel Dumping with his son Odo granted five acres of his free land to the canons.<sup>3</sup> The Alvingham cartulary includes copies of seven charters made by men of obvious native ancestry holding land in Somercotes at the beginning of the thirteenth century.<sup>4</sup> Very naturally, these charters individually record the grant of small parcels of land. One and all they were issued by men of small estate. But they illustrate by the most convincing of evidence the conservatism with which the men of this part of Lincolnshire preserved their ancient liberties.

The men of this district were conservative in other respects as well. These charters are continually illustrating the solidarity of the landholding family. The frequency with which gifts are made in common by two or more members of the same household contrasts remarkably with the sharp individualism of the normal charter. A charter issued by two brothers in their several names and under their several seals suggests the currency of ideas quite different from those which make the assertion of the heir's consent a commonplace of draftsmanship. Of the customs of inheritance which prevailed within Gayton soke in the twelfth century we know little, and speculation is dangerous. Perhaps it is also unnecessary, for the simplest explanation of the facts presented by these charters is that it was a common practice for the members of a family to remain in occupation of their father's tenement after his death. No doubt, questions of ownership when they arose would be settled by the verdict of a jury founded on the custom of the soke and

<sup>1</sup> No. 554.

<sup>2</sup> No. 482.

<sup>3</sup> D. & C. Linc. D. ii. 86/2. 25. By another charter bearing the same date and drafted in almost identical formulae Hugh and Oggrim sons of Alurun grant two acres of their free land to the canons. The text is preserved in the *Registrum Antiquissimum* of the cathedral (f. 94 b, no. 495).

<sup>4</sup> Laud MS. 642, ff. 90-1.

delivered to the king's judges, but they were not likely to arise very often. At the same time it should be recognized that the judges might upon occasion have to pronounce upon the validity of enfeoffments made by a group of joint owners,<sup>1</sup> and that the enforcement of this warranty under such conditions might become a very complicated business in the course of a generation or two. Whatever view is taken of the legal significance of a warranty clause in such a context, its insertion is at least evidence that men even in the thirteenth century regarded the ordinary formulae of conveyance as appropriate in the case of an alienation made jointly by two or more brothers. This, in turn, is a fact of value for its bearing upon the possibility of something that may be called family ownership in an earlier and darker age. An ancient soke is not a quarter in which we should naturally look for legal experiments, but it supplies all the conditions which are necessary for the persistence of obsolescent customs. Here, if anywhere, it was possible for a practice of transmitting an inheritance undivided from one generation to another to survive into an age in which men had acquired the habit of executing their conveyances by charter.

In all the charters selected for quotation in the foregoing paragraphs the grantor or his father bears a name of Anglo-Scandinavian origin. Whatever may have been the history of the tenements recorded in these charters the tenants themselves were certainly descended from the native peasant stock of the region. It is no less certain that they are only the representatives of a great body of free men whose origin is concealed by the adoption of names which tell nothing as to their bearers' race. Were it not for the conservatism which preserved until the reign of Henry II much of the ancient personal nomenclature current in this region the evidence which reveals the independent peasantry of the Danelaw shires would lack its most characteristic features. Original charters are too few to give any adequate impression of the volume of this evidence. Its significance will not fully appear until the grants of land by men of native descent have been brought together from the scattered cartularies and exemplifications in which they have been registered. That this

<sup>1</sup> By a charter which seems from the handwriting to come from the last years of Henry III's reign, Robert, Thomas, and Thomas sons of Hugh son of Goderic of Saltfleetby grant a selion there to one Robert Wisman to hold of them and their heirs at a yearly rent of two pence (Ancient Deeds, L. 2886). The three brothers proffer a common warranty but authenticate their charter with their individual seals, which are still extant.



work would demonstrate the personal independence of a considerable element in the landholding population of the Danelaw may appear from the names which have just been quoted. But as the work proceeded it would gradually appear that this element results from a real distinction between the social order of the Danelaw and that which prevailed in the shires south of Welland and west of Watling Street. Even in the heart of southern England the free landholder of native descent is revealed sporadically by his charters, but all the charters known to have been executed by native peasants dwelling south of Thames would seem a meagre body when placed beside those which have descended from Lincolnshire alone. The contrast is so sharp that its explanation can only lie in the facts of a history which was already ancient when Henry II began to reign. And if individual peasants in the twelfth century Danelaw can be identified by their charters as the successors in tenure of Domesday sokemen it is permissible to seek their ultimate predecessors among the members of the Danish army which settled eastern Mercia in 877.

Landholders of native descent are not confined to the peasant class. Already in Domesday they appear as the tenants of Norman lords in each of the Danelaw shires except Rutland.<sup>1</sup> In the twelfth century they often make grants which prove their possession of considerable estates, though it should be added that these grants relate more frequently to lands in Yorkshire and the further north than to the shires with which this book is concerned.<sup>2</sup> One Anglo-Danish family above the peasant rank

<sup>1</sup> Three charters in this book were issued by the grandson of one of these native under-tenants. In 1086 a certain Hacon held a manor in Hainton of Roger of Poitou (*D. B.* i. 352, where the name appears as Acun, without its initial aspirate). In Stephen's time William son of Hacon and Thomas his son founded Sixle priory. A fifteenth-century exemplification of the charters of this house shows Thomas son of William son of Hacon in possession of considerable estates in east and central Lindsey (*Exch. K. R. Memoranda Roll* 185, xii, *passim*). By charters in the present collection he granted land at Grimsby to Newhouse abbey (No. 259), meadow near North Kelsey to Osbert son of Hervey (No. 315), and a serf at Saleby to Walter Galle (No. 535).

<sup>2</sup> There were certainly native landholders of considerable wealth in twelfth-century Derbyshire. Ailwin son of Swan with his two nephews granted four bovates at Ballidon to Adam Malet (*Woll. Chart.* vi. 2), Robert son of Col (*ON. Kolr*), by a charter which is unfortunately mutilated, granted a rent at Winster to William de Mungai (*Woll. Chart.* ix. 1), and Robert son of Tholi enfeoffed Sewall de Mungei in a tenement near Kniveton (*Woll. Chart.* ix. 2). These charters, which are all derived from the collection bequeathed to the British Museum by Adam Wolley, are printed in *Derbyshire Charters*, ed. Jeayes, Nos. 215, 2620, and 134. Other charters of Robert son of Tholi are entered in the Kniveton Leiger in the possession of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln. They

appears in the charters which relate to the holding of Kirkstead abbey at Roughton in Lincolnshire. On St. James's day 1163, the abbey received from Robert Marmion a grant of half the land which Adelsi son of Bern and Asketin son of Od his *nepos* held there of Robert or his predecessors. We are told that this moiety comprised six bovates, including the whole of Adelsi's demesne in Roughton, and that the gift was made with the assent of Robert Calf, Adelsi's nephew, of Asketin Robert's brother, and of Ingerid, mother of Robert and Asketin.<sup>1</sup> To this gift, a little later, Robert Calf added the bovaté which Reginald the white held of Adelsi's fee in Roughton and eight acres in the adjacent village of Edlington;<sup>2</sup> by another charter, written in the same hand and attested by the same witnesses, he confirmed the abbey in its possession of Adelsi's six bovates.<sup>3</sup> Three other charters record later confirmations by Robert Calf and Nicholas, Alan, and Herbert, his nephews.<sup>4</sup> These details are made interesting by the earlier history of the land to which they refer. There is every reason to identify Adelsi's twelve-bovaté holding in Roughton with the parcel of sokeland, assessed at twelve bovates and estimated at a ploughland and a half, assigned by Domesday to Robert Dispensator, the predecessor of Robert Marmion, as a member of his manor of Thornton by Horncastle.<sup>5</sup> These charters prove that at a time which was already well past in 1163 this land had been shaped into a holding which included demesne. It would be hazardous to speculate upon the antecedents of Adelsi son of Bern, but there is no question of the native origin of his family.<sup>6</sup> The name Adelsi stands for an OE. *Æthelsige*, Bern may represent either an English Beorn or a Northern Björn, Asketin is a late form of the West Scandinavian Asketill, Ingerid is the northern feminine name Ingirðr, Od is the northern masculine name Oddr. The process which created demesne upon innumerable parcels of ancient sokeland must not always be regarded as the work of Norman lords or their followers.

include a grant of meadow and arable to Gilbert son of Ailsí of Kniveton, and a grant to Humfrey son of Haslac of the toft and croft upon which he dwelt, with ten acres of arable. It is evident that Robert was a man of substance, with free native tenants holding under him.

<sup>1</sup> No. 186.

<sup>2</sup> No. 187.

<sup>3</sup> No. 188.

<sup>4</sup> Nos. 189-91.

<sup>5</sup> *D. B.* i. 363 b.

<sup>6</sup> In the Lindsey Survey, f. 13 b, a certain Thorold and Alsí are entered as holding two carucates in Horncastle wapentake of Robert Marmion. Alsí is a normal rendering of OE. *Æthelsige*, and it is quite possible that the Alsí of the Lindsey Survey is identical with Adelsi son of Bern.





Another native family of local importance is revealed incidentally by two charters in the Bullington series. Late in the reign of Henry II, Philip of Kyme granted two bovates and a toft in Sotby to Hugh and Walter sons of Robert son of Aki in exchange for the land of Fulk of Ingham their grandfather in Toft and Newton. With the consent of Hugh, the elder brother, Philip received the homage of Walter, the younger, and granted him the land in Sotby as the sixteenth part of half a knight's fee.<sup>1</sup> An earlier charter records the grant to Bullington priory of three bovates *ad servitium domini regis* in Toft and Newton, and six bovates *ad servitium domini regis* in Ingham which Fulk had held of Simon, Philip's father.<sup>2</sup> Nothing more is known about Fulk of Ingham, but two early charters entered in the Kirkstead cartulary show Robert son of Aki established with Simon his brother at Great Sturton, twelve miles to the south-east of Toft and Newton. In 1155 Alan de Nevill speaks of the land which the monks had bought of Simon son of Aki and Robert his brother in Great Sturton and Ranby,<sup>3</sup> and one William son of Grimchell, a little later speaks of the land which his kinsmen Simon and Robert sons of Aki had given to the monks in alms.<sup>4</sup> Whatever may have been the status of William son of Grimchell, his father's name reinforces the argument for the native descent of his kinsmen, the sons of Aki.<sup>5</sup>

The argument for the existence of an independent peasantry in the twelfth-century Danelaw does not depend alone upon

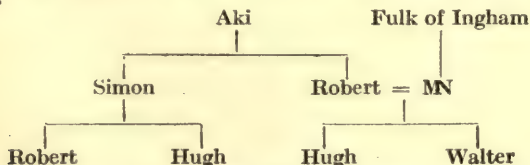
<sup>1</sup> No. 60.

<sup>2</sup> No. 61. Cf. *infra*, p. cxxvii.

<sup>3</sup> Cott. Vesp. E. xviii, f. 159 b: *Et sciendum quod (monachi) clamaverunt mihi quietam totam terram quam emerunt de Simone filio Aki et Roberto fratre eius que iacet in orientali parte de Eilivegate in campis de Streton que vocatur Broiland et in campis de Randebi que vocatur Holm.* The identification of this Robert brother of Simon son of Aki with the Robert son of Aki mentioned in Philip of Kyme's charter, No. 60, is confirmed by the fact that the latter document is attested by Robert son of Simon son of Aki and Hugh his brother.

<sup>4</sup> *Ego Willelmus filius Grimchelli concessi . . . lx acras terre de mea propria hereditate in campis Stratonie. . . Et Symon et Robertus filii Aki connati mei dederunt ecclesie predictae xvi acras super Holm in elemosinam* (ibid. f. 160). A man who could give sixty acres of his own inheritance in alms was certainly something more than a peasant.

<sup>5</sup> A table may illustrate the relationship between the different members of this family.



It is unfortunate that William son of Grimchell cannot be fitted into this table.

the charters which were executed by individual members of this class. Among the men and women who attest the earliest charters which relate to this region a large number are shown to be of native descent by the names which they bear. Apart from women, clerks, and monks, two hundred and thirty-eight persons of undoubted English ancestry occur among the witnesses to charters which follow in the present book. The local distribution of these attestations is interesting. Eighty of them occur in charters relating to the four north Lincolnshire wapentakes of Yarborough, Walsheroft, Bradley, and Haverstoe, forty-one come from the four east Lincolnshire wapentakes of Louth Eske, Calceworth, Candleshoe, and Bolingbroke, thirty-six are distributed irregularly over central and western Lindsey. Of the remainder, twenty-six belong in this way to the parts of Kesteven and eleven to the parts of Holland, fifteen occur in Nottinghamshire and six in Leicestershire charters, two come from the Isle of Axholme, one comes from Rutland. The series is completed by the twenty attestations of this type which occur in charters relating to one or other of the ancient boroughs of this region.

Now it cannot be an accident that the witness of native ancestry appears in greatest number in just the districts which had been the seats of an independent peasantry in the eleventh century. His attestation is a characteristic feature of the early charters which come from Yorkshire and the further north; he is ubiquitous in East Anglia.<sup>1</sup> Moreover, in any single county his attestations are most numerous in the parts where the former existence of a large population of free men is demonstrated by Domesday. In the charters of the present collection more than a third of these attestations are derived from four north Lincolnshire wapentakes which had contained in 1086 a population including more than sixty per cent. of sokemen.<sup>2</sup> A similar coincidence may be observed in other districts whose life is illustrated by appropriate evidence.<sup>3</sup> In 1086 the

<sup>1</sup> For the Yorkshire evidence see Farrer, *Early Yorkshire Charters*, *passim*. Very little of the East Anglian evidence has been published. Witnesses of native descent are numerous in the charters contained in the Castle Acre Cartulary (Harl. MS. 2110).

<sup>2</sup> Most of these attestations are derived from the early charters of the Newhouse series, and contribute to the distinctive impression produced by these texts. The attestation clauses of Nos. 261 and 263 are especially interesting. In each clause a number of witnesses, mostly of obvious native descent, are expressly distinguished as men of Habrough. At least half the recorded inhabitants of the village were sokemen in 1086.

<sup>3</sup> Among the muniments of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln, a charter of



village of Kelham in central Nottinghamshire had contained a population of 26 sokemen, 5 villeins, and 12 bordars.<sup>1</sup> The two earliest of the nine charters in the Rufford series which relate to this place<sup>2</sup> are witnessed by at least six men whose native ancestry and peasant condition cannot be doubted. Now and again, though rarely, it is possible to prove the descent of a twelfth-century witness from a man holding ancient sokeland. Thorald of Manby, whose son Roger witnesses a grant of land within Gayton soke, is known to have held land in Manby of the socage of Gayton.<sup>3</sup> But such a case only reinforces the general probability that the native witness of the twelfth century represents, in the second or third generation, a sokeman of the age of Domesday.

To all appearance a change came over men's conception of the function of a witness during the twelfth century. It would seem that originally he bore his testimony to some definite act that took place in his presence. He saw the consideration for a grant change hands, or a charter delivered to its recipient, or a gift placed symbolically upon the altar of a church. He was present when the grantor pledged his faith to observe the terms of his charter. Traces of this idea are to be found among the earlier of the charters which follow.<sup>4</sup> But as the reign of

Stephen's time relating to the church of South Searle on the eastern boundary of Nottinghamshire concludes with the attestations of Robert son of Alnod of Searle, Osulf of Searle, Godwin and Tord sons of Edric of Searle, Griffin of Besthorpe, Richard of Besthorpe, Lefwin son of Fegge of Besthorpe, Roger, Suan, and Walter of Girtton (*D. & C. Linc. D. ii. 86/3. 15*). The previous witnesses to this document are either ecclesiastics or important lay persons. A clue to the antecedents of the obscure people whose names have been quoted is afforded by the fact that in 1086 Searle, Besthorpe, and Girtton formed part of a large block of sokeland belonging to the manor of Newark, with a total population of 71 sokemen and 7 bordars (*D. B. i. 283 b*).

<sup>1</sup> *D. B. i. 285 b, 288 b, 290, 291, 293.*

<sup>2</sup> Nos. 358, 359.

<sup>3</sup> No. 537. Near the end of the century, Ranulf son of Thorald gave to Alvingham priory the toft in Manby which his father had held *de socchagio de Gertun* (*sic*) Laud MS. 642, f. 86 b.

<sup>4</sup> e.g. No. 205: 'In testimonio confirmationis mee coram prenomatis testibus accepi de supradictis monachis x aureos.' No. 305: 'Hii sunt etiam testes qui interfuerunt quando hec carta tradita fuit a Willelmo filio Galfridi in manum domini episcopi Roberti apud Neuhus . . . et per manum eiusdem episcopi Gerloni abbati predictae ecclesie.' No. 257: 'Totam hanc donationem fecimus ego et pater meus . . . super altare sancti Marcialis . . . presente conuentu et his testibus.' No. 172: 'Testes affidationis uxoris mee etiam preter supradictos sunt Nogga uxor Ricardi . . . et coram his testibus accepit xx solidos de manu abbatis de Bardenia.' No. 319: 'Ne hec concessio mea in posterum valeat vacillare sub presencia istorum testium hec concessio facta fuit scilicet . . .' Phrases of this sort are almost conclusive evidence that the charter in which they occur is of the twelfth century.

Henry II draws towards its close, formulae which assert the physical presence of the witness steadily become less frequent until at last the introductory *His testibus* has become a matter of common form. Already before 1200 there is conclusive evidence that the witnesses to a charter might be ignorant of its provisions until they were afterwards informed of them by the donor.<sup>1</sup> Moreover, now and again, the appearance of a twelfth-century charter suggests that the attestation clause is subsequent to the text. The hand in which the clause is written varies somewhat from the hand in which the text is composed, the ink is of a different colour.<sup>2</sup> The witness, in fact, bore his testimony to the terms of a gift as expressed in a charter, he need not have been present at its execution. The formula *Isti sunt vocati in testimonium* which repeatedly occurs in the charters of the Greenfield series expresses this function of the witness with admirable precision.

It also strengthens the initial presumption in favour of the personal independence of the individual twelfth-century witness. Direct evidence on this point can rarely be obtained. Cases may be observed in which the attestation of a charter should probably be interpreted as recording the assent of the witness to its provisions. The charter by which Earl Simon enfeoffed William his chamberlain in the three bovates of Ralf son of Grim in Barton on Humber is witnessed by Ralf himself.<sup>3</sup> Wulfric of Kirkby Green attests the grant to Sempringham priory of his two bovates in Scopwick.<sup>4</sup> Attestations which carry this implication are rare. In general it is very difficult to determine the condition of the less important witnesses to a twelfth-century document. The precedence of witnesses to private grants is too erratic to serve as an index to their respective stations.<sup>5</sup> It is true that a clerk will generally relegate the witnesses of obvious native ancestry to the lower part of an attestation clause, and with good reason, for these men were normally peasants. But on the broad issue of freedom or servitude it may at least be said that nothing but the most conclusive proof should induce us to seek these witnesses of modest condition among the unfree. A serf could not give that

<sup>1</sup> *Facsimiles of Royal and other Charters in the British Museum*, Nos. 68, 69.

<sup>2</sup> e.g. Nos. 6, 97. The whole attestation clause of No. 404 is a later addition to the text, which must have originally ended with the word *Valete*.

<sup>3</sup> No. 473.

<sup>4</sup> No. 440.

<sup>5</sup> In the attestation clause of No. 149 a, for example, both Alger the smith and Raigot the reeve have precedence over Richard son of the knight Amfrid of Haugh.



independent testimony which was to be secured by the attestations to a charter. In a later age it was recognized that the answers given by villeins to an inquest might be dictated by their lords. It would be unwise to assume that grantors, even in the twelfth century, would deliberately vouch as witnesses men whose testimony was subject to this obvious challenge.<sup>1</sup> And if, as all the evidence suggests, a man could choose whom he would to attest the charters issued in his name it is difficult to believe that his selection was not guided by the status of the persons whose individual testimony he was about to invoke.

The possibility of establishing the persistence of an independent peasantry in this region from the eleventh to the thirteenth century really turns on the legal position of the twelfth-century witness. The charters issued by peasants of native ancestry in their own names are conclusive evidence so far as they go. But the largest collection of these charters that could now be made would be severely limited by the erratic preservation of material. The testimony some day to be borne by the scores of these texts which still lurk unobserved in cartularies could be supplemented by that of many hundred peasant attestations were we entitled to infer the independence of the witness. The inference is justified by such evidence as is at present available. The comparative rarity of such attestations in the charters of the south and west, regions subjected at an early date to general seignorial control, is of itself a significant fact. It strengthens the contrast established by Domesday between the subject peasantry of these regions and the sokemen and *liberi homines* of the Danelaw shires. Moreover, when it is possible to test by external evidence the position of a twelfth-century witness, the result is always in favour of his independence. In a number of cases, small indeed, but cumulatively suggestive, an undistinguished witness of native ancestry is afterwards revealed as competent to issue charters in his own name. Robert son of Agmund, for example,

<sup>1</sup> If the witnesses to a charter were normally the men who saw the grantee placed in seisin of the land conveyed it would be difficult to feel any confidence as to their independence. Such witnesses would naturally be drawn from the men of the village in whose territory the land lay and might include both free and unfree villagers. Everything, however, suggests that the witnesses to a charter were quite a distinct body from the witnesses to seisin. The names of the latter were rarely recorded. The only case that has been observed is a list of names on a strip of parchment sewn to a charter of the reign of Henry III granting land in Hoton, Leicestershire, to Bullington priory (Harl. Chart. 55 A, 26). It is headed with the words *Hii sunt testes seisine apud Houtonam personaliter comperentes*. The names are quite distinct from those in the attestation clause of the charter itself.

who witnesses two Scampton charters in the Kirkstead series,<sup>1</sup> afterwards granted land in that place to Kirkstead abbey by a charter under his own seal.<sup>2</sup> The Robert son of Amund of Cotes, who attests an early charter to Bullington priory,<sup>3</sup> is known to have granted land in Welton le Wold by charter to Kirkstead abbey.<sup>4</sup> The two sons of Scakel who attest the record of an enfeoffment in the Rufford series<sup>5</sup> combined to grant land to Rufford abbey by a common charter.<sup>6</sup> The effective pursuit of this line of inquiry would be a long and laborious business, but it would go far to demonstrate the normal independence of the twelfth-century witness.

If the significance of attestation has been justly estimated in the preceding paragraphs it will have an important bearing upon the position of the twelfth-century reeve. He is often invoked as a witness to charters, which he generally subscribes as *prepositus* without further qualification. Attestations which suggest that the witness was reeve of an entire village are rare in early charters.<sup>7</sup> The attestations of Alan *prepositus Walteri*,<sup>8</sup> of Ranulf *prepositus meus*,<sup>8</sup> of Berewold *qui eo tempore prepositus erat mee terre*,<sup>9</sup> imply that these men were the servants of a lord rather than the leaders of a village community; their position was manorial rather than communal. Their legal status is another matter, for a lord might employ free servants in the management of his estates. The most interesting reference to the reeve in the charters of this collection occurs when the grant of a fee in Morton and Hacconby to Robert son of Gubald is attested by Robert the reeve of Bourne *qui ei terram predictam saisivit*.<sup>10</sup> The passage proves that in Stephen's time a man enfeoffed in land within a manor might receive livery of seisin from its reeve,<sup>11</sup> and it emphasizes the importance of the position

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 210, 212.

<sup>2</sup> Harl. Chart. 55 G. 27 (early thirteenth century). The seal is an ornate lys with the legend 'Omni tempore diligit qui amicus est'. Other charters of Robert are entered in the Kirkstead cartulary.

<sup>3</sup> No. 30.

<sup>4</sup> Cott. Vesp. E. xviii, 89.

<sup>5</sup> No. 354.

<sup>6</sup> No. 350.

<sup>7</sup> The attestation of Robert *prepositus de Warkebi* (Wrawby near Brigg) to No. 92 is the earliest of the few examples recorded in this book. The position of the reeve as the head of a village community is illustrated by the attestation of Thoca *prepositus de Tuxford* (Tuxford, co. Nottingham) *et ceteri eiusdem ville* to an early charter in the Rufford cartulary (Harl. 1063, f. 169).

<sup>8</sup> No. 282. No. 290, a charter of William de Sailli, is witnessed by Hugh his reeve.

<sup>9</sup> No. 247.

<sup>10</sup> No. 470.

<sup>11</sup> It also proves that in this instance livery of seisin had preceded the issue of a charter.



held by the reeve of an important estate in the Danelaw. It may be said that while the reeve appears sometimes as the bailiff of an estate and sometimes as the headman of a village, he never appears in early Danelaw records as a serf overseer of serfs.<sup>1</sup>

The distribution over this region of a great body of men free from intimate seignorial control had produced already before the Conquest a distinctive type of local organization in the Danelaw soke. These ancient franchises survived as a characteristic feature of the social order of the Danelaw throughout the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, though the proof of this survival lies in the surveys and feodaries of the thirteenth century rather than in the charters of the twelfth. Incidental passages in the charters which follow reveal the soke as a recognized institution. The whole socage of Caistor attested a grant to Newhouse Abbey made between 1157 and 1163.<sup>2</sup> Bishop Robert of Lincoln confirmed to the same house all the land in Owmbly which belonged to the soke of Caistor,<sup>3</sup> and also three carucates in Wintrington belonging to the soke of Kirton in Lindsey.<sup>4</sup> Earl William of Lincoln granted to Peter of Goxhill a hundred *solidatae* of land in the soke of Bolingbroke, at Hundleby.<sup>5</sup> A late twelfth-century charter relating to the soke of Gayton is concluded by the group attestation of many free men of the soke.<sup>6</sup> The muniments of the Duchy of Lancaster include the original record of a final concord of 1183 made between Alan the clerk of Saltfleetby and Walter Galle in the soke of Gayton before Gikel son of Alan, the steward.<sup>7</sup> The early date of this fine gives it peculiar importance. It should be compared with the anomalous document, preserved among the same muniments, which recites a final concord made in the Earl of Chester's court at Greetham.<sup>8</sup> The Greetham court was the court of the Earl of Chester's soke of Greetham, the

<sup>1</sup> A reeve might sometimes grant land by charter. Such grants are rare, but under Henry II, Tocha, the reeve of Keddington near Louth, with his sons' assent, gave seven selions in that village to Alvingham priory, and confirmed all the land formerly given from his fee to the priory and its church of St. Margaret of Keddington (Laud MS. 642, f. 126). A reeve might also receive a grant of land by charter. In 1175, Ralf son of Simon enfeoffed Walter the reeve of Edlington and his heirs in four acres at a yearly rent of six pence (Cott. Vesp. E. xx, f. 99b). In an original charter of the early thirteenth century, Robert de Mundevill refers to two bovates at Scottlethorpe in south Lincolnshire which Hugh the reeve claimed against him by writ of mort d'ancestor (Cott. Chart xxvii. 186).

<sup>2</sup> No. 312.

<sup>3</sup> Nos. 238, 239.

<sup>4</sup> No. 238.

<sup>5</sup> No. 400.

<sup>6</sup> No. 482.

<sup>7</sup> No. 536.

<sup>8</sup> No. 498.

largest soke recorded by Domesday between the Humber and the Welland.<sup>1</sup> All the charters which have been quoted relate to Lincolnshire, but the existence of the soke in the other Danelaw shires could be adequately demonstrated from cartulary texts, a source of information which would strongly reinforce the evidence upon this point in regard to Lincolnshire itself. It would also suggest that the scheme by which the compilers of Domesday arranged the material before them corresponded very closely with agrarian facts.

It does not follow that these facts underwent no serious change between the eleventh century and the fourteenth. Many of the smaller sokes recorded in Domesday were subsequently converted into estates of the manorial type. There is early evidence of the creation of demesne farms within villages where Domesday reveals none. In 1086, the whole demesneless village of Norton Disney, inhabited by seven sokemen and eleven villeins possessing five teams, was sokeland of the countess Judith's manor of Stapleford.<sup>2</sup> Sixty or seventy years later, Robert son of Turketin, among other gifts confirmed to Newhouse abbey ten bovates of his demesne in Norton, four acres of demesne which Hyngolf his man held, and the tithe of his house in bread and beer.<sup>3</sup> The disintegration of a greater soke is illustrated by an almost contemporary charter.<sup>4</sup> The land which earl Rannulf of Chester thereby granted to Robert his butler is included in Domesday among the members of Ivo Taillebois' great soke of Belchford.<sup>5</sup> It was then inhabited exclusively by sokemen. The estate is not described as a manor in the earl's charter, but it grants the land with men and stock, with sake and soke, toll and team and infangetheof, and it implies the complete withdrawal of the men upon the land from the jurisdiction of the soke. On the other hand, there are cases in which an estate that Domesday

<sup>1</sup> *D. B.* i. 349. Between 1216 and 1232 the nuns of Greenfield obtained a charter from Earl Rannulf of Chester remitting the suit to his court at Greetham due from tenements in Haugh, Wainfleet, Bilsby, Swaby, South Thoresby, Huttoft, Claythorpe, Fairford, and 'Neoton', belonging to the honour of Greetham (*Harl. Chart.* 52 A, 16). The first seven of these places had been members of the soke in 1086. The soke had therefore developed into an honour by the early part of the reign of Henry III. The Domesday soke of Folkingham underwent a similar development, for Ascelin de Wautervilla granted to Sempringham priory land in Laughton by Folkingham belonging to the honour of Folkingham (*Genealogist*, N.S. xvi. 31). Cf. *D. B.* i. 356.

<sup>2</sup> *D. B.* i. 366 b.

<sup>3</sup> No. 307.

<sup>4</sup> No. 497.

<sup>5</sup> i. 351. The *Tortilaia* of the earl's charter is the *Turlai* of this entry.



describes as a simple manor appears in the course of the next century as a soke, for a single place-name in Domesday may very well cover a property composed of a central village with subordinate hamlets. Henry II, near the beginning of his reign, confirmed to Kirkstead abbey two and a half carucates in Cotes *de soca Blankeneie*:<sup>1</sup> in Domesday, Blankney is registered as a manor with a large population of sokemen but without any hint that they were dispersed in dependent settlements.<sup>2</sup> There is no reason to doubt that Blankney was called a soke in the current speech of the eleventh century. Moreover, the word soke was certainly employed in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries to describe estates of very diverse pattern; it was almost as indefinite a term as the *manerium* of Domesday itself. It might cover a franchise like Grantham or Rothley, which included a score of members, or a property sufficiently compact to form an agricultural unit.<sup>3</sup> Naturally, it is the greater sokes, comprising a large population jealous of privilege and regardful of ancient custom which presented the most successful resistance to disintegrative forces.

Within at least the greater sokes the bond which united lord and man was expressed in money rather than in service.<sup>4</sup> It is, indeed, extremely probable that the men of a soke might be expected to assist the lord at hay time or harvest.<sup>5</sup> There was nothing derogatory in such works; they may reasonably

<sup>1</sup> No. 156.

<sup>2</sup> D. B. i. 361.

<sup>3</sup> There is evidence of an interesting type of soke consisting of a village with a group of neighbouring hamlets whose inhabitants enjoyed pasture rights in common. In Derbyshire, Ralf de Aincurt granted to the monks of Rufford common pasture *de Scardeclive et de socna eiusdem ville* (Harl. MS. 1063, f. 133 b). In Nottinghamshire, John the constable of Chester granted to Roger archbishop of York two pieces of woodland *salva communi pastura de Harewrtha et de socha* (Cott. Claud. B. iii. 90 b). It is evident that the territory of sokes like these was small and compact. The Domesday soke of Harworth comprised a carucate in Harworth with a carucate of sokeland in the adjacent hamlet of Martin (i. 285 b).

<sup>4</sup> References to service of a personal nature due from the tenants upon a soke are rare. Henry II speaks of *operationes* of an undefined character to be rendered at Orston in Nottinghamshire from a tenement in Staunton, a member of Orston soke (Exch. K. R. Memoranda Roll, 183 m. viii). The free men of the soke of Sheffield in Yorkshire owed hunting services and the duty of cutting brushwood (Cott. Vesp. E. xviii, f. 132; Farrer, *Early Yorkshire Charters*, No. 1276). But such cases are not often to be observed.

<sup>5</sup> In the thirteenth century, Barlings abbey, enfeoffing a tenant at Kexby, stipulated that he should make suit to the Bishop of Lincoln's wapentake, render forensic service, and owe a day's reaping in harvest to the bishop. The wapentake in question is that of Well, and represents the Domesday soke of Stow, of which Kexby was a member (Cott. Faust. B. i, f. 67).

be understood as a survival of pre-manorial conditions.<sup>1</sup> But in general it would seem that the tenant within a soke held his land by suit of court and a money rent: the prevalence of a money economy explains the numerous cases in which grants within such estates are made in terms of *libratae* or *solidatae terre*.<sup>2</sup> It must also have reacted upon the position of tenants whose personal unfreedom may be presumed. When Earl William of Lincoln granted to Crowland abbey a bovate in Sibsey, a village of the soke of Bolingbroke, *et Algarum in predicta terra manentem et V solidos per singulos annos de predicta terra reddentem*,<sup>3</sup> the rent is so considerable as to suggest that Algar was exempt from manual service. A soke need not be populated exclusively by sokemen; few sokes, indeed, were so populated; but the evidence does not suggest that any grievous burden of labour lay upon its unfree inhabitants.

The territorial sokes of the eleventh century rest upon a great body of custom constraining a lord's dependents, free and unfree, to seek his court, his mill, his fold, his church, to the exclusion of all competing institutions. Upon the whole, this body of custom retained its validity throughout the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The history of individual sokes is the record of just the sort of change that we should expect to come over an institution of this kind worked in the interests of an alien aristocracy, whose desire for innovation was restrained by native law. It would be unwise to dismiss the soke of the Conqueror's day as an obsolescent type of estate destined for a speedy modification into something more nearly in agreement with the agrarian ideas of its new lords. These lords in general were quite content to let their men discharge their obligations through the organization that had governed their predecessors. The soke survived because it was appropriate to the maintenance of a general relationship between lord and man, which still retained in the thirteenth century much of the character that had distinguished it in the eleventh.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Burghal tenements, which were certainly free, might be burdened with a liability to such works. At the middle of the twelfth century the work of one man for one week in August at Riseholme was due from the *mansura* in Newport, Lincoln, where Hiole Stub dwelt (D. & C. Linc. D. ii. 77/2. 40).

<sup>2</sup> From that part of Kirmington which was a member of Caistor soke, Newhouse abbey derived a rent of 24 shillings and 6 pence and a sestar of wheat (No. 238).

<sup>3</sup> No. 515.

<sup>4</sup> The solidarity of a great soke towards the end of the twelfth century is illustrated by the fact that Gilbert of Benniworth, in confirming a grant of land



In quite a different direction, the charters which follow illustrate the distinction between the Danelaw and the rest of England. The native personal names current in England in the two centuries after the Conquest deserve more attention than they have hitherto received. No attempt has yet been made to collect them from the charters, plea rolls, extents, and cognate texts in which they are recorded.<sup>1</sup> Their number is so great that the collection would have to proceed by counties, or at the most by regions of definite area.<sup>2</sup> It would be a work beset by every kind of difficulty. The material is scattered, and too often names of especial interest are only preserved in manuscripts whose accuracy is more than suspect. But the work would illustrate the fortunes of many thousand individuals of native ancestry in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, and it would supply in relation to a wide area information of a kind which is now concentrated in a small number of early manorial surveys.

The five counties of the northern Danelaw form one of the regions which might profitably be taken as a unit in this collection. The charters in the present volume offer material of unusually good quality. It is in their representation of personal names that cartulary texts are most obviously inferior to original charters. The documents which follow do at least record the forms of personal names current in the twelfth century. Moreover they were drafted in some leisure, which means that they are free from such mistakes as were repeatedly perpetrated by the hurried clerks of the justices itinerant.<sup>3</sup>

in East Kirkby, a member of Bolingbroke soke, inserted the express provision *Has bouatas duas terre predictus Willelmus le grant et heredes sui sepe dicto Martino . . . contra omnes homines in soca de Bolingbroc warrantizabunt* (D. & C. Linc. 73/1. 18). Specific warranties of this sort are very rare.

<sup>1</sup> The largest collection of Old English personal names is contained in the *Onomasticon Anglo-Saxonicum* of W. G. Searle (Cambridge, 1897). The collection is stated on the title-page to extend 'from the time of Beda to that of king John', but the names derived from post-Conquest authorities give a very inadequate impression of the real volume of this material. Manuscript evidence was not employed in this compilation.

<sup>2</sup> A collection derived from the charters in the present book and other printed originals, *Derbyshire Charters* (ed. Jeayes), the *Lincoln Plea Rolls* of 1202 (Assize Rolls, 478, 479, being edited for the Lincoln Record Society by Miss D. M. Parsons), the cartularies of Kirkstead, Blythe, Rufford, Darley, and Burton Lazars, and the original twelfth century charters in the muniment room of Lincoln cathedral, includes more than 1,600 Anglo-Scandinavian names recorded in the five shires of the northern Danelaw.

<sup>3</sup> The Lincoln Assize Roll of 1202 records that Aggi the reeve was appealed of the king's peace (Ass. Roll, 479). In the schedule of amercements at the end of the roll the name Aggi is replaced by the more usual Aki.

The number of these names is very considerable. There are 507 names in the present book which undoubtedly represent the personal nomenclature of the age before the Conquest. They are by no means equally distributed over the region with which this book is concerned. The comparative rarity of native personal names in Leicestershire charters is a remarkable fact whatever its explanation may be. They are as rare in cartularies as in original charters relating to this county. The contrast in this respect between the adjacent counties of Leicester and Nottingham is very striking; it certainly does not answer to any distinction between the social order of these shires as they are described in Domesday. In Lincolnshire the adoption of foreign names does not seem to have been a general practice before the reign of Henry II. Traces of this ancient nomenclature are still common in the reign of John and persisted well into that of Henry III. They are especially frequent in the eastern half of the county, and in particular in those villages where the sokemen of the eleventh century are represented by groups of freeholders in the twelfth. The names which are recorded in this way open to investigation a series of questions which are highly relevant to the early history of the northern Danelaw.

The fundamental question is the proportion borne by the Scandinavian to the English element in this nomenclature. It cannot be answered simply, or with absolute precision. The Scandinavian evidence itself is scattered, and much of it is not easily accessible. In particular it is difficult to obtain accurate information about the Old Danish names which must lie behind much of the personal nomenclature of the mediaeval Danelaw. The Scandinavian countries, again, have little to compare with the great body of English charters in which personal names of northern origin are recorded in twelfth-century forms. Moreover, the study of these names is complicated by the fact that many of them only occur in an oblique case. It was a common practice to treat native names as indeclinable, but the precise form in which they were employed is often uncertain. Many names occur in English charters in a form which may descend either from an English or a Scandinavian original. To trace their descent from the latter source on the ground that their bearers were men of the Danelaw is dangerously like arguing in a circle. It is also evident that although there appears little difference between the personal nomenclature of Normandy



and that of the rest of the French kingdom at the time of the Norman Conquest some northern names were still popular among the military class of the duchy a century and more later. When names like Thorald, Thurstan, Hamund, or Osbern, occur in a twelfth-century charter they cannot be treated as of Scandinavian origin unless there is reason to believe that the men who bore them were representatives of the native peasant stock. On the other hand, the alien origin of many names needs no argument, and phonetic criteria have been established by which it is possible to distinguish the northern from the English strands in the nomenclature of the twelfth-century Danelaw. And when all due allowance has been made for complications and difficulties, there is no mistaking the significance of the names of manifest Scandinavian origin.

Between the English and the Scandinavian element in this nomenclature there is a suggestive difference. The English names are numerous, but they show little variety. In particular, they include few of those abbreviated forms which are the surest evidence of the vitality of any system of nomenclature. A weak personal name formed from the OE. stem *Mild* is recorded in the combination *Reginaldus filius Milde*,<sup>1</sup> and the name *Balde* which occurs in an early Newhouse charter, seems to imply a similar employment of the stem *Beald*.<sup>2</sup> Names like these are exceptional. Little use was being made in this region of the great body of Old English name-stems. More than half the English and unidentified names occurring in this book are compounds of the six stems *Ælf*, *Æthel*, *Ead*, *God*, *Leof*, and *Wulf*.<sup>3</sup> An addition to the list of names compounded with the stem *God* is made by the name *Godward*, borne by a landholder at Eresby near Spilsby.<sup>4</sup> The general

<sup>1</sup> No. 476. The name is compounded in the duplicate place-names *Mildenhall*, Wiltshire (*D. B.*, *Mildenhale*), and *Mildenhall*, Suffolk (Thorpe, *Diplomatarium*, p. 418, at *Mildenhale*). The name *Milton Hall*, Essex (*D. B.*, *Mildentuna*), is another and a less obvious compound.

<sup>2</sup> No. 307. An OE. *Bealda* is compounded in the name *Marsh Baldon*, co. Oxford.

<sup>3</sup> The *Ælf* and *Æthel* stems are often reduced in the twelfth century to the common form *Al*, and in such cases cannot be distinguished. There are ten and seven examples respectively of the representation of OE. *Æthel* by *Ail* and *Eil*. The *Æilard* of the early No. 255 is probably intended to stand for an OE. *Æthelheard*. The form *Adestan*, which occurs in Nos. 440 and 513, represents the eleventh-century rendering of OE. *Æthelstan* by *Apestan* (*Crawford Charters*, p. 109). This form accounts for the Domesday representation of the Northamptonshire place-name *Easton Neston* by *Adestanestone*, *Estanestone* (OE. \**Æthelstānes tūn*).

<sup>4</sup> No. 528.

monotony of this nomenclature is but slightly relieved by the sporadic appearance of other name elements. There are three examples of the feminine name Quenild, which has not yet been observed in pre-Conquest texts,<sup>1</sup> and there is one example of the feminine Deorwynn, of which the only two instances at present known occur together at Hatfield in Hertfordshire in the middle of the eleventh century.<sup>2</sup> If, as is probable, the possessive form Redwi, repeated in four charters in the Newhouse series,<sup>3</sup> stands for an OE. *Raedwig*, it is at present unique. The form Ouiet, recorded in a charter relating to the Isle of Axholme, is interesting as an example of the rare name Ufegeat, a late development of the Old English name Wulfgeat.<sup>4</sup> The name Hucche, which occurs in two charters in the Newhouse series, seems to represent an OE. *Hucca*, at present only known in combination in local names.<sup>5</sup> The form Leppe, of which two examples occur in these charters, may be regarded as the genitive of the rare OE. *Leppa*,<sup>6</sup> and the name Idde, borne by a tenant of Philip of Kyme at Faldingworth in Lincolnshire, may also descend from an Old English original. But when all allowance has been made for these and other exceptional names, the impression persists that the English nomenclature of this region had already entered upon the final phase of its long history.

The Scandinavian names produce a different impression. In the first place they outnumber the English names. Of the 507 Anglo-Scandinavian names recorded in the charters of the present collection, 266 may definitely be regarded as of northern origin or as including northern elements. The percentage lies between 52 and 53. It certainly represents an under-estimate, for all doubtful names have here been referred to their possible Old English originals. A percentage which included all the names of possible Scandinavian descent would fall nearer to 60 than to 50, though it would not exceed the former figure. It is probable that these names are fairly representative of the general personal nomenclature of the Danelaw. An analysis of the native personal names occurring in the

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 378, 410. The name was popular in this region.

<sup>2</sup> Earle, *Land Charters*, p. 276. No. 299.

<sup>3</sup> Nos. 238-40, 305.

<sup>4</sup> OE. Chronicle, E text, *sub anno* 1006. The same personal name is compounded in the place-name Ivetsy (Bank), co. Stafford.

<sup>5</sup> e.g. Hucknall, co. Nottingham, and Hucklow, co. Derby.

<sup>6</sup> *Cartularium Saxonicum*, No. 166.



Lincolnshire Assize Rolls of 1202 shows 215 Scandinavian against 194 English forms. On the other hand, there is a remarkable difference between these figures and those which are to be obtained from the personal names in texts relating to the south and west of England. A collection of unpublished twelfth-century charters relating to the shires south of Welland and west of the Leicester-Derby county boundary has produced 533 Anglo-Scandinavian names, of which 113 are of northern origin and 420 are English. The percentage of the former is under 21, and this although the collection includes many names coming from the Danish East Anglia. If the East Anglian names are excluded, the Scandinavian element falls to the modest percentage of 17. It is impossible at present to say to what extent the proportion of the Scandinavian element in personal nomenclature varied in the several shires of the northern Danelaw. A small collection of names may easily invite misleading conclusions. The names recorded in such Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire cartularies as have been examined do not suggest that the nomenclature of either county presented any abnormal features.

But the character of these Scandinavian names is more important than their numerical preponderance. The 266 Scandinavian names recorded in these charters comprise 119 distinct name forms. They include many names whose general currency in England is already well established. There are fifteen examples of the name Thorald, nine examples of the name Swain, and seven of the name Haldan, six examples of the names Agmund, Auti, Hacon, and Wigot, five of the names Ascer, Hamund, Siward, Thurstan, and Ulf, four of the names Ingolf, Siwat, Swava, Thori, and Fin.<sup>1</sup> With the possible exception of Siwat (ON. *Sighvatr*), none of these names can be regarded as peculiarly characteristic of Danelaw nomenclature. Their Scandinavian origin is evident, but all except the last four are included in the collection derived from southern texts, to which reference has just been made. The common northern names Brand, Gamel, Grim, Gunni,

<sup>1</sup> For the Scandinavian equivalents of the names quoted in this paragraph a general reference may be made to Björkman, *Nordische Personennamen in England*. The same name is often represented in different charters by different spellings, which are sometimes of philological interest. These variant forms are all recorded in the index to the present book. A discussion of their significance would be out of place here.

Gisle, Gille, Aki, Ketel, Toli, are each represented by two or three examples in the charters which follow. Any of them would look incongruous in a southern charter, though it is more than probable that occasional examples of all are to be found beyond the limits of the Danelaw. But the interest of the present series lies in the names of comparative rarity whose currency proves the strength of the Scandinavian tradition of nomenclature, in names like Audenker, Ketelbern, Outhein, Hagne, Stircher, Airic, Frani, Jalf, Ailof, Serle, Od, Scul, and Morcar.<sup>1</sup> The northern stems were still producing compounds. It is easy to compile the series Arbern, Argrim, Arkil; Beregolf, Bertor; Aschel, Asford, Asger, Asloc; Colbrand, Colgrim, Colsuein; Gunewat, Gunnild, Gunebein, Gunware, Gudred; Ingerith, Ingolef, Ingolf; Sixtan, Sigreth, Siwat, Siward.<sup>2</sup> Isolated compounds of other stems are Augrim, Ulfketel, Farthain, Grimkell, and Hildebrand; all except the last of common occurrence in northern England.<sup>3</sup> But the few diminutive forms which occur in these charters are really more significant than many compound names. Reference has already been made to the employment of Hasti as a diminutive of Asketill.<sup>4</sup> The feminine names Inga and Sigga are well attested abbreviations of such forms as Ingirithr and Sigrithr. The ON. *Steinki*, a short form of some name compounded with Stein, is recorded in the attestation of *Robert filius Stainke*.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The only name in this list of which the precise form is uncertain is Hagne (ON. *Hogni*). It occurs twice, in Nos. 187, 188, but on each occasion the final vowel is only represented by a compendium. In the combination *Robertus filius Frani* in No. 417, the latter name, on which see Björkman, pp. 42, 43, and *Crawford Charters*, p. 75, is no doubt treated as indeclinable. The forms Airic (ON. *Eiríkr*) and Ailof, with the variant Hailof (see Björkman, pp. 32-4), do not seem to have been hitherto recorded in England.

<sup>2</sup> Few of these names present any serious difficulty. The form Ingolef (No. 513) does not seem to have been observed in England. Presumably it stands for ON. *Ingileifr*. The disappearance of 'n' in Arbern, Argrim, and Arkil (ON. *Arnbjörn*, *Arngrím*, and *Arnkell*) is common in English forms of ON. names in Arn. Beregolf and Bertor (ON. *Bergölfr* and *Bergþórr*), common in western Scandinavia, are extremely rare in England. Sixtan appears to represent an Anglicized form of ON. *Sigsteinn*. There is no Scandinavian equivalent of the English Asford, which is widely distributed over the Danelaw. Gudred stands for ON. *Gunnrøðr*. In the Kirkstead cartulary the same man is called indifferently Gudred, Gunred, Godred, and Goderet (Cott. Vesp. E. xviii, f. 155).

<sup>3</sup> Hildebrand (ON. *Hildibrandr*), which occurs in the attestation of *Brand filius Hildebrand* to No. 373, is an addition to the list of Scandinavian compound names recorded in England.

<sup>4</sup> Above, p. xciii.

<sup>5</sup> No. 447. No other English example of this name is at present known.



The name Anke, of which five if not six<sup>1</sup> examples occur in this book, corresponds with the ON. *Anki*, a diminutive of some name formed from the stem Arn.<sup>2</sup> The name Urri, borne by the father of a witness to a north Lincolnshire charter,<sup>3</sup> belongs to an important class of weak Scandinavian personal names. Their origin is somewhat obscure, but there is reason for believing that they arose as diminutive forms, used contemporaneously with the names they represented.<sup>4</sup> Another example of the same class, though its exact form is uncertain, occurs in the combinations *Robertus filius Hunne* and *Robertus filius Unne* recorded in two early charters in the Newhouse series.<sup>5</sup>

Scandinavian manuscripts of the twelfth century are so rare that these well-attested name forms are important for their own sake. For the student of English history their interest lies rather in the general character of the nomenclature which they illustrate. This nomenclature deserves serious consideration from those who would estimate the significance of the original settlement of the Danelaw.<sup>6</sup> It is a formidable obstacle to any theory which would assimilate the settlers into the general body of the English people at an early date. Three hundred years after the settlement the personal nomenclature of the English Danelaw still touches at innumerable points that of contemporary Scandinavia.<sup>7</sup> These names were certainly not preserved by mere unreflecting transmission from one generation to another. They are in keeping with the whole environment in which they are recorded. Their character agrees with the general persistence of linguistic peculiarities which made

<sup>1</sup> The Hanke of No. 197 should probably be added to the five certain examples of this name.

<sup>2</sup> Upon this name, which is very common in the Danelaw, see Rygh, *Gamle Personnavne i norske Stedsnavne*, p. 7.

<sup>3</sup> No. 398.

<sup>4</sup> The classical example is the employment of Ulli as a diminutive of Erlendr by Earl Hakon of Norway (*Heimskringla*, i). The usage is thus carried back to the tenth century.

<sup>5</sup> Nos. 261, 263. The same man is represented by both these forms.

<sup>6</sup> The prevalence of Scandinavian personal names among the upland population of the Danelaw makes it impossible to believe that the invaders who founded the confederacy of the Five Boroughs were a small body of aliens concentrated in towns.

<sup>7</sup> There are six examples in these charters of the name Magnus, which was not introduced into the north before the eleventh century. It is extremely rare in documents which come from the south of England. The name Rúmfari, represented here by seven examples, originally denoted a man who had made the journey to Rome. It certainly does not belong to the heathen time.

the peasant speech of this region something more significant than a dialectical form of southern English. If the Scandinavian like the English names were destined to become virtually extinct within three generations of the year 1200, this was not due to the infertility of the northern stems. It happened because the peasantry as a whole had come to adopt the personal names in use among the military class. Unlike most systems of nomenclature, above all unlike the English nomenclature of this region, the Scandinavian names of the Danelaw were to disappear before they had passed through any protracted phase of obsolescence.

The exceptional position held by the Danelaw boroughs in the tenth and eleventh centuries gives an especial interest to any documents which illustrate their history in the following period. The present collection includes original charters of the twelfth century relating to each of the Five Boroughs except Derby, the borough of this group whose history is most obscure, but together they form only a brief series. Lincoln, it is true, is represented here by twelve charters, and Leicester by six, but Nottingham and Stamford have each supplied a single charter only. Twenty documents brought together by the accidental circumstances of their preservation are not likely to throw much light upon the problems of early urban life and organization, but the evidence which they afford deserves collection.

The solitary charter which relates to Nottingham is interesting as the earliest record of a gift made and confirmed in the portmannot of that borough.<sup>1</sup> The gift was made by Fulk the smith to Rufford abbey at the time when Helias his son became a monk there; it comprised a toft held by Walter the carpenter lying between the toft where Fulk himself dwelt and the toft which William son of Ralf had given to Sempringham priory.<sup>2</sup> This early illustration of the alignment of tofts within a borough is a reminder that the internal structure of a town did not differ essentially from that of a village, that, for example, the *mansiones* of a Domesday borough may profitably be compared with the tofts of a rural settlement. The interest of the one

<sup>1</sup> No. 373. A late twelfth-century grant to Sempringham priory was executed before the portmannot of the French Borough in Nottingham (*Genealogist*, N.S., xv. 154).

<sup>2</sup> The charter by which the priory received the latter toft is printed in *Genealogist*, N.S., xv. 153.



Stamford charter that is printed here is of another kind.<sup>1</sup> Reciting that Asceria, Joslan's daughter, gave to St. Michael's priory the land with its houses and oven which had belonged to Argrim her grandfather and Wulviva her great grandmother, it adds to the evidence which proves that more houses than one might lie within the single burghal tenement of the eleventh century. The handwriting of the charter is of the time of Henry II, and it may fairly be concluded that Wulviva was holding those houses and that oven at the date of Domesday, if not earlier. Of the six Leicester charters, none of which can well be later than 1180, two refer to the gild merchant of that town. In one, Earl Robert Blanchesmains grants the *masagium* of Oliver, Alard's brother, to the canons of Sulby, in pure and perpetual alms *salvo hoc quod pertinet ad gildam mercatoriam eiusdem ville*.<sup>2</sup> In the other, the same earl confirms to the nuns of Nuneaton two *mansurae*, *salvo omni servicio meo et omnibus consuetudinibus meis ad gildam mercatoriam pertinentibus*; <sup>3</sup> the statement that these *consuetudines* are the earl's is interesting, for it is not clear that the earl's successors were directly concerned in payments made in respect of gild membership.<sup>4</sup> Other charters reveal the urban *mansura* as a rent-bearing tenement. The considerable sum of eleven shillings was received by Roger Walensis from a *mansura* in the High Street in the centre of the walled area of the borough.<sup>5</sup>

It may be hoped that much of the detailed topography of twelfth-century Lincoln will one day be recovered from the great series of charters in the possession of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln. The twelve Lincoln charters which are printed in this book may be regarded as a supplement to this series. Ten of them are certainly, and one is probably, derived from the muniments of Bullington priory. Already before the Conquest the population of Lincoln had spread beyond the borough walls, and four of the Bullington charters deal with land in the suburb of Wigford to the south of the Witham. One of them introduces the name of a man of some importance in Lincoln at the middle of the twelfth century. The William son of Fardein, whose daughter Lecia appears in this text as granting land in the parish of Holy Trinity in Wigford to Bullington priory, proved his right to four *mansiones* in a suburb of Lincoln in the court of Bishop Robert between 1160

<sup>1</sup> No. 447.<sup>2</sup> No. 392.<sup>3</sup> No. 347.<sup>4</sup> Bateson, *Records of the Borough of Leicester* I, xxvii. seq.<sup>5</sup> No. 327.

and 1166.<sup>1</sup> The remaining Lincoln charters are of less interest, but it may be observed that the yearly penny due to the reeves of Lincoln on the king's behalf from the land which Nocton Priory sold to Sibyl of Benniworth<sup>2</sup> is certainly identical with the payment which appears under the name of 'landtol' in various charters in the muniment room of the cathedral.

Among towns of more recent origin than these ancient boroughs, Grimsby is represented here by two charters. By one, Thomas son of William, granted the land which Randulf son of Baldwin held of him to Newhouse abbey at a rent of sixpence a year.<sup>3</sup> It was a highly beneficial rent, for the abbey afterwards demised this tenement, less the part which one Simon held of them at a rent of four shillings, to Baldwin son of Robert son of Randulf, for the term of his life, for six shillings yearly.<sup>4</sup> A clause which provided that if Baldwin should die in his father's lifetime his father should succeed him in the tenancy is very unusual. The possibility of a father succeeding to his son's tenement is rarely admitted in formal documents. In this case it was expressly agreed between the abbey and Baldwin that after the death of Baldwin and his father their heirs should have no claim to the tenement. It may be added that the present document, which was executed in the presence of the burgesses of Grimsby, is an excellent example of the terse and lucid draftsmanship which was possible to the best clerks of the time of Henry II.

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THE precise nature of the immunities enjoyed by a religious house in respect of the lands which it held in alms is an important but also a difficult question. Even if it were true that in the twelfth century land given *in puram et perpetuam elemosinam* should thenceforward be free from all worldly service, the mere statement of this immunity in general terms would tell us little.<sup>5</sup> Charters which promise exemption from definite burdens

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 78 and 466. Before 1162 Walter son of Winterhard, Robert his son, and his three nephews had pledged their faith in the hand of William son of Fardein, to observe the terms of a grant to Kirkstead abbey (Cott. Vesp. E. xviii. 32). He appears again as a witness to another charter in favour of the same house (*ibid.* 72 b). His father's name is of Scandinavian origin.

<sup>2</sup> Nos. 76, 77.

<sup>3</sup> No. 259.

<sup>4</sup> No. 260.

<sup>5</sup> The occasional exaction of rent in the twelfth century from lands granted in free, pure, and perpetual alms is illustrated by Pollock and Maitland, *History of English Law*, i. 245, 246. Such grants did not necessarily imply exemption from forensic service.



are rare ; there are less than a score among all the grants in alms printed in this book. The most detailed and therefore the most valuable information which they supply is contained in twelve charters in the Newhouse series composed between 1147 and 1166.<sup>1</sup> The early date of these charters gives especial interest to their clauses of immunity, which may conveniently be brought together into a series here.

(1) Haket de Rideford for lands in Barnetby le Wold :—  
liberam et solutam et quietam a murdre et danegeld a scutagio exercitu equitatu tam regis quam comitis necnon et placito forisfacto et ab omni seruicio et exactione seculari pertinenti regi siue comiti siue uicecomiti et ministris eorum uel dominis meis uel mihimetipsi uel heredibus meis aut alicui seculari persone. Ceterum si qua seruicia vel consuetudines inde exigantur ego et heredes mei adquietabimus No. 245 .

(2) Robert son of Turketin for lands in Norton Disney :—  
de hac prenominata elemosina non debent facere aliqua seruitia seu aliquas consuetudines uersus dompnum regem aut uicecomitem seu ministros eius aut dominos meos uel memetipsum siue heredes meos aut aliquem secularem personam nec in murdre nec in danegelt aut in exercitu regis siue scutagio aut forisfacto siue in placito aliquo aut seruitio uel auxilio aut consuetudine aliqua uel exactione seculari quod si forte exigantur ego et heredes mei ea aquietabimus No. 307 .

(3) Alan of Claxby for lands in Claxby :—ita ut pro hac prenominata elemosina non faciant aliqua seruitia seu consuetudines nec regi nec uicecomiti nec ministris nec alicui seculari persone nec in mordre nec in danegeld aut in exercitu regis siue in scutagio nec in forisfaito siue in placito aliquo aut exactione aliquo seculari nam ego et heredes mei eam in omnibus apud omnes adquietabimus No. 257 .

(4) William Berner for lands in Habrough :—ita ut hec donatio mea in nullo sit obnoxia siue regi siue uicecomiti siue ministris eius set nec mihimetipsi nec dominis meis nec heredibus meis nec alicui seculari persone siue in murdre siue in danegeld uel scutagio uel forisfacto uel placitis nec in consuetudinē aliqua siue exactione qualibet seculari No. 263 .

(5) William de la Mare for lands in 'Ruholm' :—ita quod hec predicta elemosina sit quieta et libera a murdre et danegeld ab exercitu regis et scutagio et ab omni consuetudine et seruitio seculari pertinenti regi aut uicecomiti et aliis ministris eius aut dominis meis aut mihimetipsi aut alicui

<sup>1</sup> Eleven of these charters are addressed to Bishop Robert II of Lincoln. The twelfth, No. 246, is addressed to the Chapter of Lincoln, but is proved to be earlier than 116 by the attestation of Philip Abbot of Thornton.

seculari persone quod si qua seruitia et consuetudines forte pertineant predictæ terre nos et heredes nostri acquietabimus eam No. 312 .

(6) William son of Bernard for lands in Brocklesby :—liberam et quietam a murdre et danegeld et scutagio et ab omni seruitio et consuetudine et ab omni exactione seculari pertinenti regi aut ministris eius aut dominis meis aut mihi-metipsi aut heredibus meis Quod si quid seruitii aut consuetudinis siue exactionis inde exigatur ego et heredes mei acquietabimus No. 253 .<sup>1</sup>

(7) Adam son of Alan for lands in Rothwell :—ita quod hec predicta mea donatio et patris mei non sit obnoxia regi in aliquo aut uicecomiti aut ministris eius siue prepositis aut dominis meis aut michimetipsi aut alicui seculari persone in murdre in danegeld in exercitu regis in scutagio aut aliqua consuetudine et seruitio aut auxilio necnon et omni exactione seculari et si seruitii siue consuetudinis predictæ terre pertinet de mea alia terra ego et heredes mei acquietabimus No. 309 .<sup>2</sup>

(8) Warner de Campania for lands in Barrow on Humber :—liberam et quietam et solutam ab omni seruitio et consuetudine et exactione seculari pertinenti regi siue uicecomiti uel ministris eorum aut dominis nostris aut nobismetipsis aut heredibus nostris a murdre et de danegeld a scutagio et exercitu regis et equitatu de forifacto et de placitis et auxiliis regis et uicecomitis et ministrorum eorum. Si qua uero seruitia aut consuetudines de terra illa exigantur nos et heredes nostri de alia terra nostra illam acquietabimus No. 246 .

(9) Robert son of Walter for lands in Orford :—liberam et quietam ab omni exactione et seculari seruicio uidelicet in murdre et danegeld et placitis et querelis et omni alia exactione de me et de heredibus meis excepto quod ad seruitium regis pertinet No. 308 .

The general similarity of these clauses suggests that the clerks who composed them received their instructions from the canons of Newhouse rather than from the twelve separate individuals in whose names the different charters themselves run.<sup>3</sup> The immunities which they describe are remarkably wide. They

<sup>1</sup> This clause is repeated word for word in No. 248.

<sup>2</sup> With the omission of the words *siue prepositis* this clause is duplicated in No. 284, and with slight verbal changes, in No. 301.

<sup>3</sup> The same conclusion is suggested by the formulary detail of all the early Newhouse charters. The introductory address to the Bishop of Lincoln which is normal in these documents is very rare in charters relating to other religious houses. No. 57, an early grant to Bullington priory, is addressed *Domino episcopo Lincolnie*, but it stands alone in the long Bullington series. The Newhouse charters addressed to Bishop Robert are not all written in the same hand, but they were certainly the work of a very small body of clerks. This repetition of unusual formulas which have no legal significance suggests a common draftsman.



cover all kinds of military service, 'actual or commuted, *in exercitu regis siue in scutagio*. The repeated employment of the latter word is interesting. Although none of these charters can be precisely dated, the group, as a whole, certainly belongs to the first decade of Henry II's reign, it is even possible that individual charters may have been written between the election of Bishop Robert in 1147 and the death of Stephen in 1154.<sup>1</sup> Isolated references to scutage occur, it is true, in yet older documents,<sup>2</sup> but these Newhouse texts are the earliest considerable series of original charters to speak of this imposition in explicit terms. That they also record exemption from the uncommuted duty of service in the feudal host, the *exercitus regis*, is natural in charters of so early a date; the feudal army was still a reality. Once only, in the Orford charter granted by Robert son of Walter, is the land declared subject to the burden of the king's service. The phrase is left undefined, but it may be presumed to cover both the duty of following the feudal host and its commutation in scutage.

The clauses which have been quoted do not raise any serious questions of interpretation. There is no uncertainty about the meaning of exemption from the *murdum*. It was a valuable privilege; Henry II continually exacted this payment from the several wapentakes of Lincolnshire. It may be observed that exemption from this burden relieved the immunist's men from something more than a payment, however heavy, to the king. By an unpublished charter of the early thirteenth century Adam Paynel granted to the nuns of Appleton that for the lands they held of his fee at Broughton near Brigg *pro muredredo seu aliis uigiliis secundum consuetudinem patrie per dominum regem uenientibus nullatenus uigilabunt*.<sup>3</sup> This conception of the *murdum* as an occasion for keeping watch illustrates the section in the *Leges Henrici Primi* which describes how the corpse should be placed upon a bier and guarded for seven days.<sup>4</sup> The form *murdre*, which, with a single example of the variant *mordre*, is consistently used in these charters, is employed also in the oldest manuscripts of the London charter of Henry I.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> There is nothing to prevent Nos. 307 and 309 from being dated in the reign of Stephen.

<sup>2</sup> Round, *Feudal England*, pp. 268, 269.

<sup>3</sup> Dodsworth MS. viii. 287.

<sup>4</sup> *Leges Henrici Primi*, ed. Liebermann, pp. 92, 98.

<sup>5</sup> Ed. Liebermann, *Gesetze*, i. 525.

Of the various burdens from which the canons of Newhouse obtained an explicit exemption the most ancient and probably the heaviest was the Danegeld. The period to which these charters belong coincides with the last phase in the history of this famous tax. The mere statement of immunity from this charge tells little about its incidence or assessment. For the study of these problems it is necessary to supplement the Newhouse charters by the more fragmentary materials derived from the records of other religious houses. Most of the relevant documents are only preserved in transcript, but an immunity clause of exceptional interest is inserted in three original charters in the Kirkstead series. In 1163, Robert Marmion granted six bovates in Roughton to the monks in alms with the reservation *Preter hoc tantum quod adquietabunt supradictas vi bouatas uersus regem de danegeld et murdre et de quatuor auxiliis uicecomitis et si rex posuerit comune geldum per totum comitatum Lincolnie tunc dabunt quantum pertinebit pro sex bouatis*.<sup>1</sup> A similar clause was inserted by Robert Calf, Robert Marmion's man, in two successive confirmations of this gift, but the conclusion of Robert Marmion's reservation was expanded into the sentence *Si rex posuerit commune geldum per totum comitatum tunc dabunt monachi pro illis sex bouatis quantum pertinet dare pro aliis sex bouatis in eadem uilla si non habuerint a domino rege quitantiam de hiis rebus*.<sup>2</sup> The last thirteen words are an important addition to the original clause. They show that as in the previous century the village was still the unit of assessment to gelds. They also show a careful draftsman recognizing the possibility that a particular estate within a village might receive a royal exemption from these charges. But the interest of these passages is greatly increased by the probability which has already been established<sup>3</sup> that the six bovates to which they refer form the moiety of a parcel of sokeland rated in King Edward's time at a carucate and a half. In Lincolnshire, whatever may have occurred in other counties,<sup>4</sup> the assessment recorded in Domesday governed the incidence of taxation through the following century.

The same assessment seems to have determined the contribu-

<sup>1</sup> No. 186.

<sup>2</sup> Nos. 188, 190.

<sup>3</sup> See above, p. c.

<sup>4</sup> The sum of £100 charged against Leicestershire in the Pipe Roll of 31 Henry I is in remarkable contrast with the great number of carucates assigned to this county in 1086. See *Victoria History of Leicestershire*, i. 340, where it is suggested that the sheriff may have been allowed to compound for the Danegeld from this county.



tion due from a tenement to the sheriff's aid, the *quatuor auxilia uicecomitis* of these Roughton charters.<sup>1</sup> It certainly governed the incidence of that *commune geldum* which is contrasted in these passages with the ancient Danegeld. This payment may be identified with the obscure tax which was being imposed at this time by Henry II under the name of *donum* or *assisa*.<sup>2</sup> A large, round, sum of money, generally it would seem some multiple of forty marks, was cast upon each county from which a contribution was demanded. It may be presumed that this assessment was distributed by the court of the shire among its constituent wapentakes or hundreds, and apportioned again by the latter among the several villages of which they were composed. As the number of marks originally laid upon the county was both arbitrary and variable it was impossible to foretell the sum which would be due from any individual tenement. It was this uncertainty which made it necessary to limit the sum to be exacted from the monks of Kirkstead in respect of the *commune geldum*. The Danegeld was levied at this time at a uniform rate of two shillings on the carucate; the payment which would be due from a tenement assessed at six bovates was known before it was demanded, and there was no need for its limitation.

The immunity clauses which have been discussed omit to specify the burdens from which relief is promised. This information is supplied in other early charters, which are only known through copies in the Kirkstead cartulary. Walter son of Winterhard, for example, gave to the monks a carucate at Cotes near Blankney *liberam et solutam et quietam ab hostagio et warda et equitatu et ab omni seruitio militis et ab omni seculari seruitio et exactione excepto danegeld et murther et auxiliis uicecomitum et communi geldo in comitatu per preceptum regis posito*.<sup>3</sup> Passages like this, in which a clear distinction is drawn between the reserved and the exempted services, are, unhappily, rare.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This phrase implies a quarterly payment of the sheriff's aid.

<sup>2</sup> No detailed study of this tax has yet been made. It is briefly described by Maitland, *Domesday Book and Beyond*, pp. 473-5.

<sup>3</sup> Cott. Vesp. E. xviii. 32. This carucate was confirmed to the abbey by Henry II in No. 156.

<sup>4</sup> The distinction is sharply brought out in an early charter by which Leonius de Arcelis confirms to Bardney abbey two bovates in Lusby and a bovat in Wineby with the clause *Hec vero prenomina in libera elemosina et soluta ab omni terreno seruitio acquietabo de expeditionibus et scutagiis et de gwardes. Abbas vero et monachi de danegeld de murther de exactionibus vel auxiliis regis vel vicecomitis quociens wapentach de Bulingbroch non potest esse quieta acquietabunt* (Cott. Vesp. E. xx. 114).

They only occur in early charters, and no example has been observed in any original text which could be included in the present book, but they raise questions which deserve investigation.

A good starting-point for this inquiry is afforded by a remarkable charter which relieves the monotony of the cartulary of Dale abbey.

Adam de Morteyn omnibus amicis et hominibus suis clericis et laicis Francis et Anglis salutem Sciatis me et heredes meos concessisse Fulchero de Codintona et heredibus suis feodum meum de Stanton<sup>1</sup> per quatuor solidos firme reddendos. quietum de exercitu et de warda et de totis seruiciis que pertinent ad corpus militis. Et Fulcherus adquietabit terram de forensis seruiciis que uadunt per hidas et per hundreda. Testibus, etc.<sup>2</sup>

The charter relates to Derbyshire, a county in which it is inappropriate to speak of services of any kind as going by hides and hundreds. A clerk has probably incorporated an ancient and alliterative phrase without observing its incongruity. It may be compared with the words in which Richard son of Gervase of Wiverton frees land in south Nottinghamshire *a seruiciis que currunt per carrucatas terre*.<sup>3</sup> Such phrases are peculiarly appropriate to payments determined by an assessment which is anterior to the bargain between lord and man. The incidence of Danegeld, the sheriff's aid, the *murdrum*, upon the carucates of a shire could only be removed by royal authority. When the prior and convent of Norwich remonstrated with the sheriff for taking his aid from lands in Scampton for which they claimed exemption they founded their immunity on a royal charter.<sup>4</sup> The ancient assessment of the shire overrides the arrangements made between private persons.

But assessment to feudal service is not ancient. The incidence of scutage upon any tenement was determined by the feudal bargain between lord and man. How far Henry II and earlier kings were interested in the details of this incidence is a difficult question. It is unsafe to argue back from the scutage of the thirteenth century, which has become a tax levied by the common counsel of the realm, to the scutage of the Norman and early Angevin kings. Little information has been preserved as to

<sup>1</sup> Stanton by Dale, co. Derby.

<sup>2</sup> Cott. Vesp. E. xxvi. f. 101. The charter belongs to the early part of the reign of Henry II.

<sup>3</sup> No. 417.

<sup>4</sup> No. 209.



the way in which the barons of this earlier age regarded the scutages which they took from their tenants. A singular phrase employed by Earl William of Derby in a charter to Langley priory is valuable as a guide to contemporary opinion. The earl is made to grant to that house a virgate at Somerby in Leicestershire *solutam et quietam ab omni seruicio seculari ad me pertinente tam de scuagio quam de ceteris seruiciis ad me pertinentibus saluo in omnibus et per omnia seruicio domini regis*.<sup>1</sup> This deliberate assertion that scutage belongs to the lord and is excluded from the reserved *seruicium domini regis* expresses a conception of feudal service which may have been widely prevalent in the middle of the twelfth century. From the fact that a lord might make what bargain for service he pleased with his men it was not unreasonable to argue that payments in respect of such service were the lord's. The same argument underlies the immunity clauses which promise exemption from feudal service while reserving payments in respect of Danegeld and cognate charges. They are really marking the distinction between the burdens imposed upon the land by the terms of a feudal contract and those which are irrelevant to lordship, *seruicia que currunt per carrucas terre*.

Burdens of either class may be comprised under the phrase *seruitium forinsecum*. In the reign of Henry II this phrase had not yet become a synonym for military service. Originally, it would seem, employed as a convenient expression for services, of whatever kind, which go beyond the immediate lord, its military specialization followed naturally from the obsolescence of the ancient gelds. But already in the earliest years of Henry's reign the words *seruitium forinsecum* were being employed in a specifically feudal sense. David de Armenteriis, in confirming twelve bovates in Honington to the nuns of Stixwold stipulates that they shall render forinsec service *quantum pertinet ad tantam terram de eodem feudo in eadem uilla*.<sup>2</sup> The military character of forinsec service is further illustrated by a remarkable charter granted by Philip of Kyme to Bullington priory.<sup>3</sup> The lands to which it related are described as six bovates *ad seruicium domini regis* in Ingham and three bovates *ad seruicium domini regis* in Toft and Newton. The definition of the land in terms of the king's service is unusual, but the most interesting passage in the charter occurs in its immunity clause. *Hec omnia dedi eis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . . . preter solummodo seruicium*

<sup>1</sup> No. 416.<sup>2</sup> No. 375.<sup>3</sup> No. 61.

*regis faciendo. Nam conuentus predictus defendet predictas terras tantummodo per denarios suos de forinseco seruicio quod pertinet ad dominum et ad heredes Ricardi de la Haie scilicet quintam partem militis pro carrucata terre et quadragesimam partem militis pro bouata.* The *seruicium forinsecum* of this charter is a payment in respect of military service, distributed in strict proportion to the size of the tenements on which it falls.<sup>1</sup> There are few earlier charters which illustrate with such precise detail the local apportionment of feudal service. The reiterated assertion that this forinsec service is the service of the lord king contrasts abruptly with the earl of Derby's almost contemporary exclusion of scutage from changes in respect of the king's service. The contradiction may well represent the vagueness of current opinion. The commutation of military service does not become clearly distinguished from other incidents of military tenure until the principle has been established that a lord may not take scutage from his tenants without the express authorization of the king. The writ *de scutagio habendo*, which expresses this principle, had not yet been devised in Henry II's reign.

Moreover the rule that a grant by charter should contain a precise definition of service is by no means ancient. The amount of a tenant's service could be committed to the memory of his peers assembled in a feudal court. Many early records of enfeoffment are introduced by words which read like a direct address to such an assembly. *Bertram de Verdun Ernaldo dapifero suo et omnibus hominibus suis tocius terre sue salutem* is a representative example of these early formulas.<sup>2</sup> The document by which Hugh Wake announced his grant of nine bovates at Waltham on the Wolds in Leicestershire to Bernard of that place can only be described as a letter addressed to Hugh's men.<sup>3</sup> The local apportionment of feudal service meant that the burden which lay upon any single tenement was well known. In the early years of Henry II, Ivo de Karkenii could confirm to Herbert son of Adelard his land in South Ferriby *faciendo inde idem seruitium liberum quod ad eandem*

<sup>1</sup> The apportionment is based on the principle that five carucates make one knight's fee. The *Carta* of Richard de Haia, which is a few years earlier than the present charter, definitely states that five carucates make one knight (*Red Book of the Exchequer*, p. 390). The de la Hay fee seems to be the only barony in which knight's fees of five carucates were normal. See *English Society in the Eleventh Century*, p. 56.

<sup>2</sup> No. 464.

<sup>3</sup> No. 333.



*terram pertinet*.<sup>1</sup> Soon after the middle of the reign this local apportionment begins to be expressed in a formula which is characteristic of northern charters in the thirteenth century. William son of Amfrid acknowledges that he will do to his lord Alan of Hareby the forinsec service due from four bovates where seven bovates make the quarter of a knight's fee.<sup>2</sup> Many less definite phrases agree in assuming that the amount of forinsec service was determined by the extent of the holding. William Mustel grants a bovat in Torrington to Bullington priory, *faciendo . . . forinsecum seruicium quantum ad illam bouatam pertinet*,<sup>3</sup> Ralf son of Brian grants land in Grainthorpe to Robert his brother as freely as his father had held it *excepto scutagio cum euenerit quantum pertinet ad predictam terram*.<sup>4</sup> The evidence that feudal service had become rooted in the soil is both copious and early.

This process must have been hastened by the minute subdivision of fees which is characteristic of the tenurial system of the Danelaw. The practice of making enfeoffments for a small fraction of a knight's service is illustrated with abundant detail in the charters which follow. Before 1139, William de Roumara, afterwards earl of Lincoln, enfeoffed Robert *nepos comitis* in the land of his uncles Ivo and Colsuen for the quarter of a knight's service.<sup>5</sup> Later charters supply the information that this land comprised seven bovates in East Kirkby and Miningsby,<sup>6</sup> and the name of Colsuen, Robert's uncle, connects the family with the Old English stock of Lincolnshire. In the course of Stephen's reign, William as earl of Lincoln granted half a carucate in Raithby to Richard his butler for the tenth of a knight's service.<sup>7</sup> In or before 1153, William the earl's son gave the service of Hugh of Steeping to Lucy, mother of Roger of Benniworth;<sup>8</sup> it was afterwards granted for the eighth of a knight's service by Roger to his brother Matthew.<sup>9</sup> By a chirograph which seems to have been written early in the following reign, Matthew of Benniworth granted three bovates and two parcels of meadow to Richard of Halton Hologate for a yearly rent of thirty-five shillings, *saluo seruicio regis scilicet decima parte feudi unius militis*.<sup>10</sup> The use of the word *feudum* in such a context is rare in charters of this early date, which very properly express the military charges upon

<sup>1</sup> No. 24.<sup>2</sup> No. 511.<sup>3</sup> No. 104.<sup>4</sup> No. 171.<sup>5</sup> No. 507.<sup>6</sup> No. 509, 10.<sup>7</sup> No. 512.<sup>8</sup> No. 501.<sup>9</sup> No. 502.<sup>10</sup> No. 505.

an estate in terms of the knight's service rather than in terms of the knight's fee. The interest of the tenancies which have been described is increased by the fact that all of them were created within the ancient soke of Bolingbroke, but similar enfeoffments were being made in other parts of the Danelaw. Under Henry II Hugh de Bayeux granted the holdings of eight tenants in Kelstern and Thoresway to William his brother for the tenth of a knight's service.<sup>1</sup> Before the summer of 1153, Earl Simon of Northampton granted three bovates and two tofts in Barton on Humber to William his chamberlain for the fortieth of a knight's service.<sup>2</sup> By a charter which cannot be precisely dated, but seems to come from the last years of Henry II, Alexander of Pointon, for the sixteenth of a knight's service, enfeoffed William Brun of Graby in half an acre of meadow in Dowsby and three bovates and a quarter, four tofts, two acres of meadow, and seven selions of arable in Graby.<sup>3</sup> The recipient of this charter seems to have been a peasant, and the tenement which he received is an accumulation of parcels of land which once must have been held independently. It was probably the object of this enfeoffment to create a new military tenancy out of a group of holdings formerly rendering agricultural services and payments in money or in kind.

Other charters, which cannot be earlier than the reign of Richard I, continue the series which has been quoted.<sup>4</sup> But the best illustration of the conventionality of the knight's fee in the twelfth century Danelaw comes from a group of charters preserved among the records of the Duchy of Lancaster. The earliest is an agreement between Geoffrey of Keddington and Walter Galle his man concerning half a bovat in Saltfleetby, formerly held by Hemming Sprenting, to which Walter had proved his right against Geoffrey.<sup>5</sup> From the terms of this document it appears that Walter was holding this land of

<sup>1</sup> No. 475.

<sup>2</sup> No. 473. The handwriting proves that this charter was issued by Earl Simon II of Northampton, who died in 1153. The charter probably belongs to the early part of Stephen's reign.

<sup>3</sup> No. 467.

<sup>4</sup> Near the end of the twelfth century, William son of Osbert granted 32 acres in Ingham for the twelfth of a knight's service to Agnes wife of Herbert son of Adelard, No. 67. Agnes subsequently granted this land in alms to Bullington priory, reserving the same service, No. 68. Hugh de Neville granted a bovat at Lound near Bourne for the twentieth of a knight's service to Thomas Peverel, No. 469. By this time enfeoffments for small fractions of a knight's service were becoming common.

<sup>5</sup> No. 538.



Geoffrey at a yearly rent of six shillings. This rent was now remitted, but it was agreed that Walter should discharge the forinsec service due from two-thirds of the half bovat at issue until he had received from Geoffrey the remaining third, of which Gamel of Saltfleetby was then tenant. The amount of this forinsec service was defined in a charter by which Geoffrey confirmed the arrangement described in the agreement, and enfeoffed Walter in two-thirds of this half bovat for the hundredth part of the service of a knight's fee.<sup>1</sup> It has not hitherto been known that a military tenure on so small a scale could be created in the reign of Henry II. The present case is important for its bearing upon the military service of the peasantry in this region. It shows that the feudal custom of Henry's time permitted the enfeoffment of a tenant for a fraction of a knight's service so small that its burdens could easily be discharged by a peasant landholder. It has already been argued that a free tenant commonly received a new charter from his lord upon succeeding to his inheritance. One phase of the process through which the native tenurial system became modified by the imposition of terms of feudal service may be traced to the operation of this custom.

These charters prove incidentally that the independence of the northern peasantry might introduce into the tenurial system of a village complications which are rarely to be observed in the south of England. A southern manor may contain both free and unfree tenants, but the men of each class will normally stand on the same plane of tenure. Free or bond, each man will hold his tenement immediately of the lord. In the Danelaw the seignorial power which elsewhere maintained the integrity of the tenement was weak. Holdings could easily be broken up, and sub-tenancies created. Lords do not seem to have regarded such transactions as contrary to their interests. Odo Galle of Saltfleetby could obtain from Geoffrey of Keddington a charter confirming to him the four acres and a rood of meadow which he held of Accha Muding, Geoffrey's free man.<sup>2</sup> The whole subject of enfeoffment by peasants is very obscure. There was no safe custody for the early documents which would have illustrated it, and their disappearance may well have imparted an unreal simplicity to modern conceptions of the tenurial relationships which might exist within a village. It was no magnate but the son of a clerk who confirmed land

<sup>1</sup> No. 539.

<sup>2</sup> No. 541.

to Bullington priory with the clause *omnes qui de predicta terra et feudo aliquid tenuerint sint intendentes priori et conuentui de Bulingtona sicut domino illius feudi*.<sup>1</sup>

From the feodaries of the thirteenth century there comes sufficient evidence to prove that the knight's fees characteristic of the Danelaw were arbitrary combinations of scattered tenelements.<sup>2</sup> The knight's fee, the unit of feudal service, rarely coincides in this region either with the manor, the unit of seignorial jurisdiction, or the village, the unit of agrarian routine. Fees of the northern type resulted naturally from the impossibility of a symmetrical division of estates dispersed promiscuously among many villages, but it is generally difficult to prove their antiquity by definite evidence. This uncertainty does not affect the information which is preserved concerning the knight's fee within which Newhouse abbey was founded in 1143. Late in the reign of Stephen, Rannulf de Bayeux states that Peter of Goxhill and his ancestors held the fee of five knights of Rannulf and his ancestors, and that Peter, with Rannulf's consent, gave to the abbey the service of one knight, *scilicet terram de Neuhus et ecclesiam de Habure et i bouetam terre ad utewara et vi partem ecclesie de Broclausbi et i bouetam terre ad utewara 7 quicquid pertinet ad seruicium unius militis*.<sup>3</sup> The terminology of this passage is remarkable. The words *seruicium unius militis* are employed to denote the tenement which maintained that service; the clerk has written *seruicium* instead of the normal *feudum*.<sup>4</sup> Parallels to this usage are rare,<sup>5</sup> but another example occurs in the charter by which Hugh de Chaus, in discharge of a debt of twenty-five pounds, quit-claimed to his lord William de Roumara the service of a knight

<sup>1</sup> No. 66. This injunction would be pointless if it were not addressed to men who were, or had been, the tenants of the grantor.

<sup>2</sup> The connexion between the apportionment of feudal service in the Danelaw and the tenurial conditions prevailing in this region is illustrated by Vinogradoff, *English Society in the Eleventh Century*.

<sup>3</sup> No. 244.

<sup>4</sup> In a charter of Hugh son of Rannulf de Bayeux printed in the *Monasticon* (vii. 866), the last six words of the quoted passage are represented by *quicquid pertinet ad feudum quinti militis*.

<sup>5</sup> Under Henry II, John de Aincourt granted four *libratae* of land to William de Bella Aqua *scilicet ii<sup>as</sup> in Kersewella* (Creswell, co. Derby) *et duas in Sottona que est de soca de Gernebi* (Sutton and Granby, co. Nottingham) *et seruicium dimidii militis in Hokertona* (Hockerton, co. Nottingham). The service of half a knight, in such a context, can only mean half a knight's fee (Harl. MS. 3640, f. 106; cf. f. 301).



in Limber, that of half a knight in Keelby, and that of half a knight in Brocklesby.<sup>1</sup> But the peculiar interest of the Newhouse charter lies in its demonstration that small and incoherent fees were already in being in an age when a knight's fee was really intended to support a knight. Rannulf de Bayeux was husband of Margaret, granddaughter of Alfred of Lincoln, the tenant-in-chief of this fee in 1086. By Rannulf's reference to his *antecessores* we are carried at once to the early part of the reign of Henry I, and indeed are brought within little more than a generation of the conquest of England itself.

But the passage is interesting for another reason. It includes phrases which have descended to the twelfth century from the old time before the Conquest. It speaks of bovates *ad utewara* at Habrough and Brocklesby. The utwara of the twelfth century represents the *utwaru* of pre-Conquest documents; it denotes the permanent charges incumbent on an estate in respect of the king's service. The word is normally employed in a context which shows that it refers to fiscal burdens. The grant of a bovat *ad utwara* is equivalent to the grant of a bovat *ad geldum regis*.<sup>2</sup> It means that whatever the real acreage of the land it must answer for one bovat to the king's fiscal officers. The difference between the real and the fiscal content of a tenement might be considerable. Early in the reign of Henry II, John son of Mengi granted to Kirkstead abbey the four bovates at Saxedale near Welton le Wold which William Trig held for two bovates *ad utwaram*.<sup>3</sup> The recognition of this discrepancy explains the introduction into other charters of formulas which define a holding in terms of the king's service. An early grant to Sempringham priory, which has already been published, defines twenty-four bovates at Bramcote in Nottinghamshire as six bovates *ad seruicium regis*.<sup>4</sup> The last words must be regarded as a translation of *utwara*; the charter is expressing in vaguer formulas the dis-

<sup>1</sup> No. 527.

<sup>2</sup> Grants expressed in terms of the king's geld are rare. But before 1155, Ivo of Grainsby granted to Nun Cotham priory, in Swallow, co. Lincoln, *duas bouatas terre ad cheldum (sic) regis liberas et quietas ab omni seruicio quod mihi et heredibus meis pertinet. Sed erga seruicium regis et superueniens forincecum (sic) seruicium adquietabunt (sanctimoniales) pro duabus bouatis sicut ego adquietabo duas bouatas de meo dominio in eadem villa de Swalue* (MS. Top. Linc. d 1, f. 10 b). No difference was probably felt at this date between the formulas *ad geldum regis*, *ad seruicium regis*, and *ad utwara*.

<sup>3</sup> Cott. Vesp. E. xviii. f. 80.

<sup>4</sup> *Genealogist*, N.S. xvi. 155.

inction marked in Domesday between *terra ad arandum* 7 *terra ad geldum*.

Many documents which still await publication illustrate the practice of defining tenements in terms of the *utwara*. The two bovates *ad utware* which Haccus held at Broadholme in east Nottinghamshire were confirmed to Newhouse abbey by Bishop Robert of Lincoln.<sup>1</sup> Topholme abbey at its foundation received three bovates *ad hutware* at Brocklesby and half a carucate *ad hutware* at Fanthorpe near Louth.<sup>2</sup> By a fine of 31 Henry II, copied in the seventeenth century from the cartulary of Nun Ormsby, Walter Bech quit-claimed to that priory two bovates *ad utware* at Welton le Wold, with Osbert son of Palthein the villein on the land.<sup>3</sup> The early charters of Sixle priory supply four examples of this terminology.<sup>4</sup> In the last years of Stephen, William son of Hacon, the founder of the house, gave it a carucate *a utware* at Sixle and five bovates *a utware* at Nettleton. Maurice de Craon, in the following reign, granted a carucate *a utware* at Wykeham between Market Rasen and Louth. The remaining example, which occurs in a charter of Lambert de Scoteni, a contemporary of Maurice de Craon, is perhaps the most interesting of all references to the *utwara* in post-Conquest charters. Lambert is recorded to have given to the priory his demesne in the village of Sixle, being three bovates *a utware*, and two bovates *a utware* held by two men. The context proves that the gift comprised the whole of Lambert's fee in the village. In 1086 Rainer de Brimou, Lambert's predecessor, held five bovates *ad geldum* in Sixle, with one team on the demesne, and two sokemen and a bordar possessing three oxen.<sup>5</sup> The same assessment of five bovates is assigned to the estate a generation later in the Lindsey Survey. This double coincidence cannot be an accident. It proves the identity of the twelfth-century assessment *ad utware* with the eleventh-century assessment to the Danegeld. The extreme rarity of detailed evidence proving the continuity of assessment from the time of William I to the time of Henry II gives unique interest to the present case.

Pre-Conquest documents occasionally mark a distinction between *utwaru*, the defence of a tenement against the king's

<sup>1</sup> No. 240.

<sup>2</sup> Harl. Chart. 54 H, 4, a fourteenth-century copy.

<sup>3</sup> Lansd. MS. 207 C, 241, to be published by Foster in *Lincolnshire Final Concords*.

<sup>4</sup> Exch. K. R. Memoranda Roll, 185.

<sup>5</sup> D. B. i. 364.



officers, and *inwaru*, its defence against the servants of its immediate lord.<sup>1</sup> The same distinction is drawn in the charter by which Walter son of Reginald granted to Newhouse abbey an acre from his demesne on each side of the village of Killingholme, *libere et quiete ab omni seruitio scilicet de utwar et de inwar*.<sup>2</sup> The last six words of this passage are a valuable expansion of the phrase of common form with which it opens. They relieve these acres from fiscal responsibility towards the king and from the burden of rent and service to the lord of the fee. The passage is interesting as an example of northern conservatism in terminology, for the contrast between *utwaru* and *inwaru* is not known to be marked in any other twelfth-century text. By a curious chance the word *inwaru*, of which only two examples have hitherto been observed in documents later than the Conquest,<sup>3</sup> occurs again in another charter relating to the same village of Killingholme. It is introduced here in a different context. William de Sailli, a tenant of the Earl of Chester, grants to the canons of Newhouse four bovates *ad inwara*, three of them being villein land and the fourth detached from William's demesne.<sup>4</sup> The words *ad inware* cannot be construed to imply a reservation of service to the grantor from the land. It is expressly exempted from all except forinsec service. They mean that the land was estimated at four bovates in the manorial economy, irrespective of either its real acreage or its assessment to royal gelds. \* A parallel to this usage occurs in the *Liber Niger* of Peterborough, where a manor of three hides *ad inwaram* is stated to acquit itself for half a hide towards the king.<sup>5</sup> In each case a clerk, when defining land in terms of manorial service, was conscious of a different assessment laid on the same land in respect of fiscal charges.

There is a third word belonging to the same order of ideas as *utwara* and *inwara*, of which three examples occur in the charters of this collection. It occurs in many forms, all of which go back to an Old English *warnoth*, a word not recorded before the Conquest, but occurring sporadically in Domesday in the form *warnode*,<sup>6</sup> and denoting some unspecified kind of render or

<sup>1</sup> The classical passage is contained in an original grant by the abbot and convent of Evesham to a certain Æthelmær of land estimated at three hides to *inware* and a hide and a half to *utware* (Earle, *Land Charters*, p. 235).

<sup>2</sup> No. 297.

<sup>3</sup> *Mon. Ang.* vi. 118 and *Liber Niger S. Petri de Burgo*, ed. Stapleton, p. 159.

<sup>4</sup> No. 290.

<sup>5</sup> *Liber Niger*, pp. 159, 160.

<sup>6</sup> e. g. i. 377 b.

service. It is nowhere defined in Domesday, but its meaning is made clear by an entry in a Lincolnshire plea roll of 33 Edward I.<sup>1</sup> From this record it appears that the word denoted at this date a form of rent which if not paid on the appointed day was exacted two-fold on the day following, three-fold on the third day, *et sic de die in diem augmentabitur solucio illius redditus*. This authority is late, but there is no reason for questioning the accuracy of its interpretation; there are parallels to such multiplied renders in pre-Conquest law. The survival of so archaic a system in Lincolnshire until the thirteenth century is another illustration of the conservatism of the Danelaw.

Among the later documents of the Newhouse series there are three texts which illustrate the fact of this survival. Thomas son of William gave to Osbert son of Hervey of Grasby an acre of meadow near North Kelsey<sup>2</sup> for twopence a year *de warneto* at the feast of SS. Peter and Paul.<sup>3</sup> Eudo son of Henry of Brocklesby gave to Newhouse abbey ten *percatae* in the marsh of Habrough with the reservation that the brethren should render yearly to Robert son of Richard and his heirs eight pence *de warnothe* on Whit Sunday.<sup>4</sup> Hugh de Neville released to the abbot and canons of the same house his claim in the mill of Toft by Newton for a yearly rent of sixteen pence *de warnoth* at Easter.<sup>5</sup> The eight pence of the second charter and the sixteen pence of the third are suggestive figures, for sixteen pence was the currency equivalent of the Anglo-Scandinavian *ora* or ounce of silver. It is interesting to observe a render of an ancient type estimated according to this ancient reckoning. Casual references to *warnoth* are dispersed over the cartularies which relate to this region: in printed texts the word is sometimes mutilated by copyists who did not understand its meaning. In the foundation charter of Bullington priory, of which the best text is preserved in an exemplification of 12 Henry IV, Simon son of William, founder of that house,

<sup>1</sup> Quoted by Ducange, s.v. *Warnode*. It is difficult to explain the equivalence of *terrae de utware* in No. 239 (cf. No. 238) with *terrae de warnothe* in No. 240. If payments *ad utwara* were normally multiplied for each day of default, some confusion with payments *ad warnoth* might result. But little is known about the conditions which governed the payment of the ancient gelds.

<sup>2</sup> See below, p. cxxxix.

<sup>3</sup> No. 315. Osbert afterwards granted this meadow to Newhouse abbey, charged with a yearly rent of twopence *de warneto* to Brian de l'Isle (Harl. Chart. So. i. 42).

<sup>4</sup> No. 251.

<sup>5</sup> No. 278.



speaks of the land which he had *in warnoth* of William Bechet's fee in Faldingworth;<sup>1</sup> in the copy of this charter printed in the *Monasticon warnoth* is transformed into *wameth*.<sup>2</sup> In all these cases we may certainly understand by *warnoth* a rent multiplied upon default according to the scheme indicated in the passage which has been quoted in the previous paragraph, whether it were paid in respect of mills, meadow, marsh, or arable.

The terminology which has been described elucidates some difficult problems in Old English law. It has a wider interest as an addition to the evidence which illustrates the conservatism of the Danelaw in the twelfth century. All the characteristic features of the charters which follow originate in a time which was remote when the earliest of these charters was written. It was in the Danelaw that the traditions of the age before the Conquest influenced most deeply the social order of mediaeval England. The men of this region had developed among themselves a form of society which could resist even the shock of foreign invasion. They escaped as a whole the process which before the end of the eleventh century had reduced the mass of the southern peasantry under seignorial control. The spirit which preserved their liberties preserved also their terms of law, their forms of land division, and their ancient inheritance of personal nomenclature. The contrast of north and south, fundamental as it is throughout English history, is nowhere revealed more clearly than in the private charters of the twelfth century.

<sup>1</sup> Exch. K. R. Memoranda Roll, 187.

<sup>2</sup> vii. 952. In an original charter abstracted in Hist. MSS. Comm. 11th Report, part 7, p. 59, Hamo of Honington refers to seven selions which the countess Lucy held of his father 'in Warnabe' for four pence yearly. It is probable that the 'Warnabe' of this abstract is a mistake for *Warnade*. No place-name is known which could be represented by Warnabe. It is suggestive that four pence is the quarter of an *ora*.

## NOTES

ALTHOUGH most of the charters in this book relate to the obscure topography of mediaeval Lincolnshire, they do not raise many difficult problems of identification. In regard to the questions which arise, I am much indebted to Canon C. W. Foster for allowing me to use the proofs of his forthcoming volume of *Lincolnshire Final Concords* (Lincoln Record Society). It may be hoped that he will supplement this work by a general index to the mediaeval place-names of Lincolnshire. The notes which follow are only intended to justify the identifications which have been adopted in difficult or ambiguous cases.

- Boklande, No. 200. Buckland in the parish of Woodhall, now depopulated (Foster, *op. cit.*, liii).
- Catebi, No. 165. South Cadeby. The village is depopulated, and its territory is divided between the parishes of Calcethorpe and Grimblethorpe (Foster, *op. cit.*, lviii, lix).
- Cotes in Blankney soke, No. 156. Now represented by the hamlet of Linwood (Foster, *op. cit.*, liv).
- Germundtorp, Germundetorp, Nos. 169–171. In the *Index Locorum* to the Charters and Rolls in the British Museum, i. 314, this place is identified with Grimblethorpe, near Gayton le Wold. The forms which have been quoted correspond with the *Germundstorp* of *D. B.* i. 338 b, and refer to Grainthorpe, seven miles north-east of Louth. The names Grainthorpe and Grimblethorpe (*Grimkiltorp* in No. 165) are compounds respectively of the O. N. personal names Geirmundr and Grimkell.
- Graham, No. 498. Greetham in Hill wapentake, co. Lincoln, the head of a large soke in the fee of the earl of Chester (*D. B.* i. 349). The form *Graham* is often used to denote Grantham. The *Graham* of Cott. Chart. xxiv. 15, Harl. Chart. 52 A 16, and Harl. Chart. 55 B 8, identified with Grantham in the *Index Locorum*, really relates to Greetham.
- Olm et Beghingham, No. 357. Identified in the *Index Locorum* with Holme, near Newark, co. Nottingham, and Beckingham, co. Lincoln. The context proves that these places were situated upon the Gant fee. The *Olm* of this charter may therefore be identified with the Holm which in 1086 was the head of a large manor held by Gilbert de Gand (*D. B.* i. 355 b). It is now only represented by Holme Spinney, a low hill showing marks of



ancient foundations, and known as Cumberland hill, in the parish of Beckingham and the wapentake of Loveden, co. Lincoln (Foster, *op. cit.*, lx).

Morton, No. 372. The fact that Rufford Abbey, in whose favour this charter was made, received contemporary grants of land in Morton by Bothamsall, co. Nottingham (Nos. 369-371), raises a presumption that the present charter relates to the same place. But the topographical objections to this identification are serious. The charter refers to land *iuxta marescum*. and Morton by Bothamsall is situated on the Bunter Sand, and lies remote from any considerable stream. It is much more probable that the charter relates to Morton by Southwell, a village on low land near the Trent. The attestation of William the parchment maker of Southwell, though by no means conclusive in itself, points in the same direction.

Neuton, No. 142. Identified in the *Index Locorum* with Newton le Wold, co. Lincoln. But see above, p. lxii.

Northlanges in Smethefeld, No. 315. An early thirteenth-century charter to Nun Ormsby priory, included in an exemplification entered in Exch. K. R. Memoranda Roll 185, proves that this place lay within the territory of North Kelsey, co. Lincoln. It is now represented by Smithfield farm in that parish.

Salterhaga, No. 488. A fifteenth-century endorsement upon this charter shows that it relates to Skendleby, co. Lincoln, where the name Salterhaga survives in the form Skendleby Sawtry.

Tortlaia, No. 497. This estate is now represented by Minting Park in the parishes of Minting and Gautby, co. Lincoln (Foster, *op. cit.*, liv).

As the charters which follow are arranged according to their ultimate provenance, and not topographically, it may be convenient to insert a table indicating the order of their occurrence in the several series from which they are derived.

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Cott. Chart. v. 19	No. 256
" v. 42	No. 217
" v. 49	No. 414
" v. 62	No. 415
" v. 74	No. 310
" v. 76	No. 199
" xi. 4	No. 428
" xi. 26	No. 312
" xii. 4	No. 108
" xii. 15	No. 42

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Cott. Chart. xii. 17	No. 86
" xii. 18	No. 299
" xii. 21	No. 476
" xii. 52	No. 194
" xii. 53	No. 233
" xii. 55	No. 102
" xvi. 37	No. 205
" xxi. 22	No. 234
" xxv. 23	No. 413
" xxvi. 18	No. 354

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Cott. Chart.	xxvii. 26	No. 311	Harl. Chart.	44 G 17	No. 306
"	xxvii. 34	No. 300	"	44 G 18	No. 260
"	xxvii. 63	No. 492	"	44 G 21	No. 298
"	xxvii. 99	No. 427	"	44 H 33	No. 76
"	xxvii. 121	No. 12	"	44 H 36	No. 207
"	xxvii. 123	No. 472	"	44 H 37	No. 209
"	xxvii. 166	No. 369	"	44 H 53	No. 91
"	xxvii. 167	No. 371	"	44 I 3	No. 285
"	xxvii. 195	No. 101	"	45 A 6	No. 15
"	xxvii. 196	No. 106	"	45 A 30	No. 453
"	xxvii. 197	No. 105	"	45 B 6	No. 37
"	xxvii. 199	No. 104	"	45 B 28	No. 206
"	xxvii. 202	No. 107	"	45 B 38	No. 131
"	xxix. 31	No. 200	"	45 B 39	No. 132
Harl. Chart.	43 B 45	No. 161	"	45 B 41	No. 133
"	43 C 17	No. 156	"	45 B 42	No. 134
"	43 C 19	No. 1	"	45 B 43	No. 135
"	43 C 21	No. 120	"	45 C 1	No. 127
"	43 C 24	No. 243	"	45 C 2	No. 126
"	43 C 25	No. 163	"	45 C 3	No. 125
"	43 C 35	No. 164	"	45 C 4	No. 128
"	43 C 36	No. 4	"	45 C 5	No. 124
"	43 C 37	No. 11	"	45 C 6	No. 130
"	43 G 19	No. 236	"	45 C 7	No. 129
"	43 G 20	No. 116	"	45 C 39	No. 54
"	43 G 21	No. 117	"	45 C 40	No. 461
"	43 G 23	No. 287	"	45 E 42	No. 279
"	43 G 24	No. 286	"	45 E 43	No. 250
"	43 H 10	No. 235	"	45 F 16	No. 468
"	43 H 13	No. 466	"	45 F 17	No. 244
"	43 H 14	No. 237	"	45 F 18	No. 255
"	43 H 15	No. 239	"	45 F 21	No. 475
"	43 H 16	No. 238	"	45 F 47	No. 110
"	43 H 17	No. 240	"	45 F 48	No. 109
"	43 H 18	No. 118	"	45 F 49	No. 6
"	43 H 19	No. 119	"	45 H 6	No. 173
"	43 H 20	No. 218	"	45 H 8	No. 175
"	43 H 21	No. 31	"	45 H 9	No. 174
"	43 H 23	No. 242	"	45 H 28	No. 21
"	43 H 38 b	No. 241	"	45 H 29	No. 7
"	43 I 17	No. 208	"	45 I 52	No. 77
"	44 A 21	No. 114	"	45 I 53	No. 288
"	44 A 24	No. 13	"	45 I 56	No. 8
"	44 A 25	No. 79	"	46 A 7	No. 50
"	44 A 26	No. 75	"	46 A 30 b	No. 138
"	44 A 27	No. 73	"	46 A 54	No. 85
"	44 A 28	No. 47	"	46 A 55	No. 273
"	44 A 29	No. 80	"	46 B 1	No. 274
"	44 A 30	No. 17	"	46 B 2	No. 261
"	44 A 31	No. 53	"	46 B 3	No. 262
"	44 A 32	No. 18	"	46 B 4	No. 263
"	44 A 34	No. 55	"	46 B 5	No. 266
"	44 B 38	No. 409	"	46 B 6	No. 268
"	44 D 52	No. 143	"	46 B 7	No. 267
"	44 D 53	No. 146	"	46 B 8	No. 269
"	44 D 54	No. 145	"	46 B 9	No. 271
"	44 E 18	No. 147	"	46 B 10	No. 264
"	44 E 53	No. 165	"	46 B 12	No. 270
"	44 E 54	No. 215	"	46 D 24	No. 154
"	44 E 57	No. 184	"	46 D 25	No. 153
"	44 G 15	No. 249			



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Harl. Chart.	46 D 52	No. 57
"	46 F 39	No. 459
"	47 A 34	No. 258
"	47 C 20	No. 253
"	47 C 21	No. 248
"	47 C 22	No. 252
"	47 C 23	No. 251
"	47 C 29	No. 254
"	47 E 14	No. 14
"	47 E 15	No. 112
"	47 E 17	No. 29
"	47 F 43	No. 187
"	47 F 44	No. 188
"	47 F 46	No. 190
"	47 F 47	No. 189
"	47 F 48	No. 191
"	47 F 49	No. 478
"	47 H 7	No. 172
"	47 H 25	No. 168
"	47 H 47	No. 39
"	47 I 8	No. 219
"	47 I 9	No. 231
"	47 I 10	No. 232
"	47 I 14	No. 210
"	47 I 15	No. 211
"	47 I 16	No. 212
"	47 I 33	No. 246
"	47 I 34	No. 136
"	48 B 3	No. 452
"	48 B 38	No. 257
"	48 C 10	No. 170
"	48 C 11	No. 65
"	48 C 12	No. 66
"	48 C 14	No. 72
"	48 C 15	No. 74
"	48 G 40	No. 162
"	48 H 35	No. 292
"	48 I 36	No. 92
"	48 I 37	No. 93
"	48 I 38	No. 94
"	48 I 50	No. 40
"	48 I 51	No. 96
"	49 A 2	No. 158
"	49 C 19	No. 265
"	49 C 20	No. 272
"	49 C 21	No. 276
"	49 C 22	No. 283
"	49 C 23	No. 284
"	49 G 50	No. 67
"	49 H 3	No. 214
"	50 A 5	No. 166
"	50 A 6	No. 308
"	50 A 9	No. 470
"	50 A 14	No. 291
"	50 A 22	No. 222
"	50 A 43	No. 201
"	50 B 8	No. 482
"	50 B 12	No. 247
"	50 B 15	No. 149 <sup>a</sup>
"	50 B 18	No. 176

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"	50 B 20	No. 179
"	50 B 21	No. 178
"	50 B 29	No. 64
"	50 B 31	No. 84
"	50 B 35	No. 100
"	50 B 36	No. 82
"	50 B 38	No. 397
"	50 B 44	No. 307
"	50 C 1	No. 95
"	50 C 23	No. 259
"	50 C 24	No. 315
"	50 D 2	No. 32
"	50 D 6	No. 34
"	50 D 7	No. 33
"	50 E 50	No. 295
"	50 F 3	No. 23
"	50 F 33	No. 488
"	50 I 1	No. 280
"	51 B 4	No. 141
"	51 B 5	No. 140
"	51 B 13	No. 43
"	51 B 15	No. 44
"	51 B 16	No. 45
"	51 B 17	No. 22
"	51 B 18	No. 38
"	51 B 20	No. 51
"	51 B 21	No. 35
"	51 B 23	No. 46
"	51 B 44	No. 160
"	51 B 50	No. 281
"	51 B 51	No. 282
"	51 C 1	No. 474
"	51 D 20	No. 408
"	51 D 21	No. 144
"	51 D 22	No. 480
"	51 G 15	No. 225
"	51 G 16	No. 216
"	52 A 13	No. 150
"	52 A 14	No. 151
"	52 A 22	No. 441
"	52 A 34	No. 157
"	52 A 35	No. 159
"	52 A 45	No. 142
"	52 B 12	No. 169
"	52 B 30	No. 69
"	52 C 50	No. 24
"	52 C 51	No. 296
"	52 D 21	No. 493
"	52 E 43	No. 293
"	52 G 19	No. 61
"	52 G 20	No. 58
"	52 G 21	No. 19
"	52 G 22	No. 71
"	52 G 23	No. 59
"	52 G 24	No. 63
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"	52 G 26	No. 103
"	52 G 27	No. 88
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"	52 G 30	No. 3
"	52 G 31	No. 89
"	52 G 32	No. 90
"	52 G 33	No. 479
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"	52 G 35	No. 28
"	52 G 37	No. 48
"	52 G 38	No. 60
"	52 G 39	No. 49
"	52 G 40	No. 9
"	52 G 41	No. 56
"	52 G 42	No. 16
"	52 G 43	No. 70
"	53 A 30	No. 139
"	53 C 50	No. 152
"	53 E 14	No. 403
"	53 G 56	No. 395
"	53 H 11	No. 193
"	54 B 1	No. 305
"	54 B 7	No. 203
"	54 B 9	No. 302
"	54 B 10	No. 275
"	54 B 16	No. 278
"	54 B 17	No. 277
"	54 B 23	No. 137
"	54 B 26	No. 99
"	54 B 29	No. 98
"	54 C 3	No. 314
"	54 D 31	No. 229
"	54 E 5	No. 87
"	54 E 6	No. 481
"	54 E 7	No. 25
"	54 E 8	No. 26
"	54 E 9	No. 68
"	54 E 10	No. 27
"	54 E 36	No. 30
"	54 G 2	No. 213
"	54 H 4	No. 167
"	54 I 39	No. 62
"	55 B 14	No. 81
"	55 D 5	No. 245
"	55 D 8	No. 457
"	55 D 11	No. 121
"	55 D 12	No. 122
"	55 D 13	No. 123
"	55 E 10	No. 490
"	55 E 11	No. 185
"	55 E 14	No. 491
"	55 E 41	No. 309
"	55 F 5	No. 192
"	55 F 6	No. 195
"	55 F 7	No. 197
"	55 F 42	No. 290
"	55 F 43	No. 289
"	55 G 16	No. 78
"	56 A 8	No. 304
"	56 A 9	No. 303
"	56 A 19	No. 182
"	56 C 44	No. 227

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Harl. Chart.	56 C 45	No. 228
"	56 C 46	No. 224
"	56 C 47	No. 223
"	56 C 48	No. 226
"	56 C 49	No. 220
"	56 D 1	No. 221
"	56 E 2	No. 483
"	56 F 32	No. 148
"	56 G 2	No. 484
"	56 G 3	No. 485
"	56 G 36	No. 486
"	56 H 9	No. 202
"	56 H 10	No. 180
"	56 H 11	No. 181
"	56 H 43	No. 477
"	56 I 12	No. 294
"	56 I 48	No. 111
"	57 B 7	No. 204
"	57 C 21	No. 36
"	57 D 20	No. 97
"	57 D 48	No. 41
"	57 F 39	No. 113
"	57 F 48	No. 487
"	57 G 4	No. 149
"	57 G 22	No. 489
"	57 G 23	No. 171
"	58 A 24	No. 230
"	58 B 34	No. 115
"	58 B 43	No. 196
"	58 B 44	No. 198
"	58 C 10	No. 155
"	83 C 49	No. 83
"	83 D 2	No. 358
"	83 E 43	No. 357
"	83 E 53	No. 349
"	83 E 54	No. 348
"	83 F 17	No. 353
"	83 F 23	No. 356
"	83 F 43	No. 366
"	83 F 44	No. 359
"	83 F 45	No. 360
"	83 F 46	No. 363
"	83 F 47	No. 361
"	83 F 49	No. 364
"	83 G 17	No. 368
"	83 G 36	No. 374
"	83 G 55	No. 367
"	84 A 24	No. 350
"	84 A 26	No. 351
"	84 A 27	No. 352
"	84 A 41	No. 365
"	84 H 49	No. 471
"	85 E 30	No. 406
"	85 G 39	No. 405
"	86 C 40	No. 407
"	111 F 59	No. 419
"	112 B 44	No. 370
"	112 D 22	No. 460
"	112 H 7	No. 355
"	112 H 28	No. 373



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"	112 I 30	No. 362
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"	5870	No. 394
"	6025	No. 438
"	19821	No. 439
"	20242	No. 448
"	20503	No. 426
"	20566	No. 390
"	20567	No. 391
"	20572	No. 469
"	20613	No. 478
"	20621	No. 437
"	20682	No. 5
"	20737	No. 467
"	20741	No. 425
"	20841	No. 438
"	20847	No. 398
"	20859	No. 444
"	20863	No. 440
"	21088	No. 396
"	21198	No. 388
"	21354	No. 392
"	21390	No. 463
"	21498	No. 424
"	22012	No. 465
"	22572	No. 464
"	24315	No. 436
"	24316	No. 434
"	24317	No. 435
"	47548	No. 316
"	47551	No. 323
"	47552	No. 322
"	47556	No. 318
"	47557	No. 319
"	47558	No. 317
"	47559	No. 320
"	47580	No. 321
"	47582	No. 324
"	47583	No. 325
"	47584	No. 326
"	47590	No. 346
"	47599	No. 327
"	47600	No. 328
"	47601	No. 329
"	47602	No. 330
"	47619	No. 331
"	47629	No. 334
"	47630	No. 335
"	47631	No. 336
"	47632	No. 333
"	47633	No. 338
"	47634	No. 337
"	47635	No. 339
"	47636	No. 340
"	47637	No. 341
"	47638	No. 342
"	47639	No. 344
"	47640	No. 343
"	47643	No. 347

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"	53093	No. 332
Campbell Chart. ii.	7	No. 430
"	xv. 1	No. 432
"	xv. 2	No. 431
"	xv. 4	No. 429
Egerton Chart.	427	No. 375
"	428	No. 378
"	429	No. 383
"	430	No. 376
"	431	No. 377
"	432	No. 379
"	433	No. 380
"	434	No. 381
"	435	No. 382
"	438	No. 384
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In the text which follows I have attempted to reproduce the punctuation of the original charters, and to indicate all marks of accentuation. The employment of capital letters in twelfth-century charters is too erratic to serve as a guide to the sense, and I am responsible for the capitals in the text. Contractions have been extended, and in doubtful cases the extensions have been printed in italic. The compendia which often occur at the end of place-names have been represented by a uniform *a* unless there is an established usage of another Latin termination. All endorsements earlier than the sixteenth century have been printed in full. The foot-notes are intended to justify either the text or the date which has been assigned to the charter. The descriptions of the seal devices are only provisional notes, and references to the Catalogue of Seals in the British Museum have been substituted in the case of all seals described in that work. In the headings to the charters, personal names derived from places in England are represented in an English form. French place-names, of which the identification is often uncertain, are uniformly given in the form in which they occur in the document. In the identifications of places, a charter may always be understood to relate to Lincolnshire unless it is definitely assigned to another county.



# DOCUMENTS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY OF THE DANELAW

## I. BULLINGTON SERIES

BULLINGTON priory, of the order of Sempringham, was founded by Simon son of William, ancestor of the lords of Kyme, in his park at Bullington. His foundation charter, which is attested by bishop Robert II of Lincoln, was probably executed between 1147 and 1150. As was usually the case with these Lincolnshire houses, the possessions of Bullington priory were scattered in small parcels over many villages: their general character is adequately indicated by the original texts which are printed here. The house possessed a considerable estate in a group of villages due north of Lincoln, with outlying property at Redbourne to the east of Ermine Street, at South Ferriby on the Humber, at Burgh le Marsh, and in the extreme north of Leicestershire; it held tenements in Lincoln and its suburbs. The cartulary of the house is only represented by an abbreviated transcript made by Gervase Holles, but exemplifications of twenty-six charters are entered on the King's Remembrancer's Memoranda Roll for 12 Henry IV. The original charters which have been preserved include five twelfth-century grants of men, a valuable addition to our knowledge of the formulas employed in such cases. Of the remaining texts, the most important are two charters which show the attestation of Redbourne 'hundred'.<sup>1</sup> Nearly all these charters bear endorsements in a hand of circa 1190-1210, which in some cases form an instructive commentary on the text. Of the twelfth-century originals of this series, three have been printed in full in the *Monasticon*.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 93 and 94.

<sup>2</sup> VII, pp. 951-54. The references are Harl. Chart. 48 I 49, 48 I 53, 50 D 2. Harl. Chart. 57 F 49 is almost illegible.

## 1

**Harl. Chart. 43 C 19. Confirmation by Henry II to Bullington priory of the gifts of various donors. (? 1155.)**

.H. rex Anglorum 7 dux Normannorum . 7 Aquitanorum . 7 comes Andegauorum . archiepiscopis . episcopis . justiciariis . comitibus . uicecomitibus . baronibus . ministris . 7 omnibus fidelibus salutem . Sciatis me suscepisse sub manu 7 protectione mea illum locum sanctimonialium qui uocatur Lindelai . 7 fratrum earum tam futurorum quam presencium ibidem sub custodia Gilleberti de Sempingeham deo seruencium . 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse omnes donationes elemosinarum que rationabiliter eis facte sunt . Inprimis ergo confirmo quicquid Simon filius Willelmi . 7 Philippus heres eius . dederunt sanctimonialibus de Lindelai 7 scripto suo confirmauerunt . siue in Bulintuna . siue in Faldigwrd siue in Sottebi . siue in aliis locis . & quicquid<sup>1</sup> Willelmus Bechet . 7 Ricardus de Stur . 7 Thomas de Nouile . 7 Beatrix uxor sua eis dederunt 7 scriptis confirmauerunt . & quicquid Radulfus filius Bertram . 7 Hugo Berner . 7 Willelmus heres eius eis dederunt 7 scriptis confirmauerunt . 7 bouatam terre quam Radulfus filius Gilleberti eis dedit 7 scripto confirmauit . Preter hec etiam omnium aliorum fidelium dona prefate ecclesie rationabiliter concessa cum communis 7 libertatibus quas donatorum suorum carte testantur eidem ecclesie in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam confirmo 7 corroboro . Quare uolo 7 fimiter (*sic*) precipio . ut omnia supradicta teneant . in bosco . 7 in plano . in aquis . 7 mariscis . in piscariis . in pratis . 7 pasturis . in toftis . 7 croftis . in uiis . 7 semitis . 7 in omnibus aliis . bene . 7 in pace . libere . 7 quiete . de omnibus geldis . 7 auxiliis . 7 wapenta . 7 hundredis . 7 schiris . 7 tenmantale . 7 de danegeld . 7 de mordre . 7 omnibus placitis 7 querelis . 7 summonicionibus . 7 scutagiis . 7 asisis . 7 omnibus aliis occasionibus . 7 consuetudinibus . 7 omni terreno seruicio . 7 seculari exactione . cum tol . 7 tem . 7 infangan thef . Hec omnia concessi eis . in perpetuam elemosinam pro anima Henrici regis aui mei . 7 pro anima patris mei 7 pro mea salute . 7 matris mee imperatricis . 7 regine Alienore . 7 filiorum . 7 fratrum meorum . omniumque fidelium . Testibus . Theobaldo archiepiscopo Cantuariensi . 7 Rogero Eboracensi archiepiscopo . 7 Johanne Wigornensi episcopo . 7 Gilleberto Herefordensi episcopo . 7 Thoma cancellario . 7 Conano comite de Richmundia .

<sup>1</sup> The letters *Ala*, presumably for *Alanus*, originally followed *quicquid*, but have been deleted by a stroke.



7 Roberto comite *Legrecestrie* . Reginaldo comite *Cornewalgie* . Eustacio filio *Johannis* . Henrico de *Estsexe* . Warino filio *Geroldi* apud *Wigorniam* .

Silk cord for seal.

Endorsed: *Confirmatio* . H. regis (circa 1200). *Bulington* (? twelfth century).

## 2

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 25.** Confirmation by Philip of Kyme to the nuns of Bullington of his father's gift of the churches of Bullington and Langton by Wragby. (1150-1155.)

Cunctis Christi fidelibus Philippus de Kime salutem . Notum sit uobis me assensum prebuisse donationi patris mei qui dedit sanctimonialibus de Bulington ecclesiam ipsius uille . 7 ecclesiam<sup>1</sup> de Langetun cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . in decimis . terris . 7 in omnibus aliis rebus . Et ut securius 7 firmitus teneant . ex parte mea quantum ad me pertinet qui sum heres eius easdem ecclesias eis dedi in perpetuam elemosinam . manu mea in manu domni Rodberti . ii. episcopi *Lincolie* posita . Hanc donationem meam hoc scripto meo confirmaui . ut liberas 7 quietas easdem ecclesias ab omni exactione 7 seculari seruitio teneant . Huius donationis testes sunt . domnus Rodbertus secundus episcopus *Lincolie* . Radulfus de *Disci* . archidiaconus *Lundoniensis* . Nicholaus del *Séel* . Robertus de *Burn'* . Magister *Malgerus* . Rogerus filius *Willelmi* . Petrus de *Melide* . Walterus de *Amundauilla* . Rogerus de *Oli* . Johannes Miles *Templi* . Symon filius *Symonis* . Willelmus frater eius . Willelmus filius *Ricardi* . Henricus filius *Nigelli*.<sup>2</sup>

No seal nor tag, but the foot of the charter has been torn.

Endorsed: *Carta Philippi de Kima . de ecclesiis . de Bulingtona . 7 de Langetona* (circa 1200).

## 3

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 30.** Grant by Philip of Kyme to Bullington priory of the churches of Bullington, Langton by Wragby, Prestwold (co. Leicester), Ingham, Oxcumbe, Tetford, and Winthorpe, the church of St. Albinus of Spridlington, the moiety of the church of Friskney, and the third of the church of Fulnetby—confirming also the gift by Simon his brother of the church of Hameringham. (Henry II.)

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Philippus de Kyme salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 hac carta mea confirmasse assensu 7 concessione

<sup>1</sup> MS. *eccl'iam*, with the first *l* marked for deletion.

<sup>2</sup> Ecclesie de *Langetona* written on the strip of parchment upturned at foot of charter.

heredum meorum deo 7 beate Marie 7 conuentui canonicorum 7 monialium de *Bullingtuna* ecclesiam de *Bullingtuna* cum pertinentiis suis . 7 ecclesiam de *Langetuna* cum pertinentiis suis . 7 ecclesiam de *Prestewald* cum capellis 7 omnibus pertinentiis suis . 7 ecclesiam de *Igham* cum pertinentiis suis . 7 ecclesiam sancti Albini de *Spridlingtuna* cum pertinentiis suis . 7 ecclesiam de *Oxecub* cum pertinentiis suis . 7 ecclesiam de *Thetford* cum pertinentiis suis . 7 ecclesiam de *Winetorp* cum pertinentiis suis . 7 medietatem ecclesie de *Freskenei* cum pertinentiis suis . 7 terciam partem ecclesie de *Fulettebi* [cum] pertinentiis suis . Confirmaui etiam eis donationem ecclesie de *Hamerigham* quam *Sýmon* frater meus dedit in elemosinam predicto conuentui que in meo feudo sita est . Hec uero prelibata dedi eis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam sicut aliqua elemosina liberius dari potest eorum usibus omnimodo profuturam pro quorum gubernatione 7 sustentatione concessa sunt . pro salute animarum patris 7 matris mee 7 antecessorum meorum . 7 pro salute anime mee 7 uxoris mee 7 heredum meorum ut nobis prosint ante dominum deum . Huius rei testes sunt . *Sýmon* filius *Philippi* de *Kýme* . 7 *Philippus* filius *Philippi* . *Willelmus* filius *Philippi* . *Thomas* de *Haintuna* . *Rogerus* de *Ben-nigwrþe* . *Thomas* de *Mulletuna* . *Walterus* de *Hauphorde* . 7 *Walterus* de *Oxecumbe*.<sup>1</sup>

Fragment of seal tag.

No endorsement.

## 4

**Harl. Chart. 43 C 36. Confirmation by Geoffrey bishop of Lincoln to the canons and nuns of Bullington of various churches. (1175-1181.)**

G. dei gratia *Lincolniensis* electus . uniuersis catholice ecclesie filiis . salutem . Uniuersitati uestre notum fieri uolumus . nos pietatis intuitu concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam canonicis 7 sanctimonialibus de *Bulinctona* ecclesias de *Burc* . 7 de *Wintorp* . 7 de *Prestewalda* . 7 de *Ingam* . 7 de *Bulinctona* . 7 de *Langetuna* . 7 de *Thetforda* . 7 de *Oxecumba* . 7 de *Ristuna* . 7 de *Tiringtona* . 7 de *Hamringham* . 7 ecclesiam Sancti Albini de *Sperlinctona* . cum capellis 7 omnibus pertinentiis suis ad proprios usus eorum perpetuo possidendas . 7 quicquid iuris habent in ecclesiis de *Feribi* 7 *Fulletebi* . 7 *Hachetorna* . 7 *Freskenei* de assensu 7 donatione eorum qui ius patronatus in ipsis ecclesiis habere dinoscebantur . sicut in eorundem cartis plenius continetur . Et ne hec nostra concessio processu temporis alicui uenire possit in dubium . uel aliqua fraudis machinatione infirmari . dignum

<sup>1</sup> 3½ ruled lines left blank.



duximus eam sigilli nostri munimine corroborare . salua in omnibus *Lincolniensis* . ecclesie dignitate . Testibus . Adam episcopo de sancto Asaph . Magistro Petro de Melide . Willelmo decano de Braidela . Magistro Roberto de Cantebrigia . Magistro Sýmone . Roberto Codice . Gregorio . capellano episcopi . Philippo de Kýmba . 7 Sýmone fratre eius 7 Sýmone 7 Willelmo filiis Philippi de Kýmba . 7 Willelmo de Polum . 7 pluribus aliis .

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 1701.]

Endorsed : Confirmatio . G. electi . *Lincolniensis* de ecclesiis . (circa 1200).

## 5

**Add. Chart. 20682. Acknowledgement by William son of Robert of Barkwith that for the land which he has given to Bullington priory in Beckering and Barkwith he will do forinsec service to his lord Thomas son of William. (Henry II.)**

Sciant omnes Christi fideles quod ego Willelmus filius Roberti de Barcheword faciam domino meo Thome filio Willelmi . forinseca seruicia pro tota terra quam dedi ecclesie de Bulington . uidelicet in Bechering 7 Barcheword in liberam elemosinam de alio feudo quod de eo teneo . in perpetuum . Huius rei testes sunt . Philippus de Kima . Rogerus de Beningword . Galfridus de Engelbi . Iuo de Polum . Robertus Trauers . Anfridus de Canci . Ricardus clericus . Robertus Wasceline<sup>1</sup> . 7 plures alii.

Fragment of equestrian seal. [B. M. Cat. 5648.]

No endorsement.

## 6

**Harl. Chart. 45 F 49. Grant by Thorald son of Warin of Barkwith and Hawisa his wife and his heirs to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of half an acre of arable and five 'perticatae' of meadow, probably in Barkwith. (Late Henry II.)**

Notum sit cunctis Christi fidelibus quod ego Thoraldus filius Warini de Barchewrhe & uxor mea Hawisa & heredes mei dedimus super Engdeiles dimidiam acram terre arabilis iuxta Thinhou sanctimonialibus de Bulintun . 7 fratribus earum in perpetuam elemosinam 7 duas perticatas prati 7 dimidium in Northesic in occidentali parte uiridis stangni 7 tantundem prati in Sudsic in occidentali parte stangni animalium pro me & uxore mea 7 heredibus meis 7 pro animabus patrum

<sup>1</sup> Dot inserted below the final e.

7 matrum nostrorum ut simus participes fraternitatis domus 7 beneficiorum que fiunt in ea nunc 7 perpetuum . Huius donationis testes sunt <sup>1</sup> . Alanus Bretun . Walterus de Tiringtuna . Durant de Tiringtuna . Henricus de Tiringtuna . Robertus clericus de Barcworda . Eudo de Barcworda . Geraldus clericus . Geraldus filius Willelmi.

Seal : floriate ornament. SIGILLVM TOROLDVS DE BARVRT.

Endorsed : Carta Thoraldi de Barcwrda . de dimidia . acra terre . 7 .ii. perticatis prati (circa 1200).

## 7

**Harl. Chart. 45 H 29. Confirmation by Peter of Beckering son of Robert of Torrington to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of the moiety of the land which he holds of the fee of Alan son of Bernard in Beckering which the brethren formerly held. (Circa 1190.)**

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Petrus de Bekeringe filius Roberti de Tiringtun concessi 7 hac carta mea confirmaui in perpetuum sanctimonialibus de Bulington 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis concessu 7 assensu heredum meorum . 7 domini mei Alani filii Bernardi medietatem totius terre quam teneo de feodo eiusdem Alani filii Bernardi . scilicet duas bouatas terre cum duobus toftis eidem terre adiacentibus que predicti fratres antea tenuerunt . 7 pasturam centum ouibus in territorio de Bekeringe liberas 7 quietas cum omnibus pertinentiis 7 libertatibus uidelicet in campis . in pratis . in pascuis . in uiis . in semitis . in exitibus infra uillam 7 extra tenendas de me . 7 heredibus meis inperpetuum reddendo mihi 7 heredibus meis singulis annis tres solidos tantum pro omni seruitio quod ad me uel meos pertinet . ad festum sancti Botulfi . Ipsi uero forinsecum seruicium facient . 7 ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predictis sanctimonialibus hanc tenuram erga dominos 7 omnes homines . His testibus . Ricardo canonico ecclesie sancte Marie . Alano capellano Philippi de Kima . Nicholao de Ros clerico . Philippo de Kime . Rogero de Benigwrd . Willelmo de Mumbrei . Waltero de Alford . Waltero de Oxecumbe . Willelmo Bacun . Simone de Aslactun . Reginaldo de Pumfol.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed : 1. Carta Petri de Bekeringa de .ij. bouatis . in Bekeringa (circa 1200). 2. Irrotulatur in memoranda Scaccarie uidelicet inter recorda de termino Sancti Hillarii anno .xij.<sup>mo</sup> regis Henrici quarti ex parte remembratoris regis.

<sup>1</sup> Witnesses names in a larger hand and half the space of the charter left vacant below them.



## 8

**Harl. Chart. 45 I 56. Grant by Gilbert of Benniworth to W. the prior and the convent of Bullington of land in Benniworth. (Richard I.)**

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Gilebertus de Benigwurtha dedi 7 hac carta confirmaui deo 7 beate Marie 7 W . priori 7 conuentui de Bulingtona totum croftum quod dicitur Miruldecroft sicut includitur fossato in territorio de Benigwurtha 7 totam terram que jacet inter [eundem] Miruldecroft 7 fossatum eiusdem conuentus uersus aquilonem de Miruldecroft . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruicio 7 exactione . Et ego 7 heredes mei hant (*sic*) nostram elemosinam warantizabimus 7 acquietabimus predicto [conuentui uer]sus omnes homines pro dei amore 7 antecessorum 7 heredum salute . Hiis testibus . Simone de Kima . Philippo filio eiusdem . Hugone filio Simonis . Oliuero de Arci . Waltero de Martona . Th . . . . ostricer . Philippo filio meo . Hugone Berengeri . Radulfo filio Bone.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5688.]

Endorsed: Gilbertus de Be . . . . . ap Beine . . . . molendinum (circa 1200).

## 9

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 40. Grant by Philip of Kyme to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of two bovates in Bullington in exchange for the land of Ingham which he bought from Ailwine Net. (Late Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Philippus de Kýma salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 sanctimonialibus de Bolingtonia 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis duas bouatas terre in territorio de Bolingtonia cum omnibus pertinentiis suis excepto tofto . quas pater meus dedit Ricardo Noreis pro seruicio suo libere tenendas . quas etiam emi a filio 7 herede suo Alano . quas 7 postea dedi Waltero de Bartonas 7 postmodum ab ipso emi . Et concedo ut prefate sanctimoniales prefatum tenementum teneant in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam faciendo forinsecum seruicium quod ad predictum tenementum pertinet . Ego uero 7 heredes mei predictum tenementum predicto conuentui warantizabimus contra omnes homines . Hoc enim dedi eis in excambium terre de Ingham quod emi ab Ailwine Net . His testibus . H . abbate de Reuesbi . R . priore de Kýma . Thoma filio Willelmi Thoma

de Muletona . Ricardo de Kýma canonico *Lincolniensi* . Iuone de Barchwrda . Philippo de Legesbi . Willelmo Ostricer . Simone de Thorp . Rannulfo de Millai . Helya de Brunna Waltero de Bartona.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6148.]

Endorsed: Carta Philippi de Kima . de .ii. bouatis in Bulingtona (circa 1200).

## 10

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 28. Grant by Philip of Kyme to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of the wood called Wluedale, adjoining the boundary of Newball, in exchange for the wood which William son of Ivo gave them. (Circa 1175.)**

Cunctis Christi fidelibus Philippus de Kime salutem . Sciatis me dedisse in excambium . 7 presenti carta confirmasse ancillis Christi monialibus de Bulington 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis nemus illud quod uocatur Wluedale . Scilicet de parco meo usque ad diuisas de Neubele cum uia quam ad necessarios usus eorum in predicto nemore parauerunt . pro quo nemore predictae moniales dederunt mihi in excambium illud nemus quod Willelmus filius Iuonis dedit eis in elemosinam . Hoc uero nemus ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus eis in perpetuum . Similiter concessi eis liberos introitus 7 exitus de abatia per territorium de Bulington 7 de Wragebi . 7 de Langetun . 7 per omnes alias terras meas ad necessarios usus eorum . sicut ad meos proprios usus . 7 heredum meorum . Et nullus de meis uexet eos contra hanc meam confirmationem . His testibus . Hugone de Sancto Laurentio abbate . 7 Radulfo abbate de Tupeholm . Rogero de Beningwrd . Willelmo de Kima . Waltero de Alford . Ricardo de Ormesbi . Iuone de Barkewrd . Johanne clerico . Heliseo de Brunne . Willelmo Bacun.

No seal nor tag.

Endorsed: Carta Philippi de Kima . de excambio nemoris . : brown ink. de liberis uiis per terras suas . : dark ink (circa 1200).

## 11

**Harl. Chart. 43 C 37. Institution by Alexander, canon of Lincoln and vice-archdeacon, of the canons of Bullington to the church of St. Peter of Burgh le Marsh. (1173-1182.)**

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos littere iste peruenerint .  
A. *Lincolniensis ecclesie canonicus* 7 uice-archidiaconus salutem .



Uniuersitati uestre notum facere uolumus nos de mandato Gaufridi . domini regis filii . 7 Lincolniensis ecclesie electi . 7 ad presentationem Eudonis de Mumbi canonicos de Bulinctun in ecclesiam (*sic*) sancti Petri de Burc instituisse . 7 in corporalem possessionem induxisse . Et quia uolumus ut hec illorum institutio in posterum firma 7 illibata permaneat . hanc presentis scripti nostri munimine 7 sigilli nostri appensione corroborare dignum duximus . His testibus . Alelmo decano *Lincolniensis* ecclesie . Alexandro Malebisse . magistro Petro de Melide . Pagano canonico . Aluuredo decano de Fordintun . Riccardo . capellano de Calesbi . Ranulfo capellano decani . Alano capellano de Hocgestorp . Rogero Arsi Drogone filio Radulfi . Arnisio de Noua uilla.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 1815.]

Endorsed : Carta Alexandri archidiaconi . de institutione ecclesie de Burc . (circa 1200).

## 12

**Cott. Chart. xxvii. 121. Quitclaim by Hugh le Moine of Burgh-le Marsh and Basilla his wife to Bullington priory of all their right in the tenement of Magnus of Burgh. (Late Henry II.)**

Cunctis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens carta peruenerit : Hugo le moine de Burc 7 Basilla uxor eius . salutem Nouerit uniuersitas uestra nos diuini amoris intuitu . 7 pro animabus patrum 7 matrum 7 omnium antecessorum nostrorum [conce]ssisse 7 quietum clamasse de nobis 7 de omnibus heredibus nostris deo 7 beate Marie 7 conuentui de [Bulingtona totum] ius 7 clamium quod habuimus . uel habere potuimus in tenemento uel pertinenciis tenementi quod Magnus . . . . . uillam 7 extra . 7 ut hec quieta clamatio . . . . . rata [sit 7 stabilis tactis] sacrosanctis euangeliiis iurauimus nos uel heredes nostros nunquam de cetero conuentum de Bulingtona super predicto tenemento . uel eius pertinenciis uexaturos . 7 ad hoc firmiter obseruandum presens scriptum sigill[orum] nostrorum munimine . fide etiam nostra interposita corroborauimus . Hiis testibus Widone celerario . Willelmo . . . . . Herberto filio Adelardi . Simone filio Symonis . Radulfo de Burc filio Magni . Gileberto de Burc filio Willelmi . Gileberto filio [? Pagani].

Oval seal : lys. + SIGILL BASIL . . . . IE MAGNI. Another seal has disappeared.

Illegibly endorsed in same hand.

Harl. Chart. 44 A 24. Agreement between Bullington priory and Walter son of Hugh of Burgh le Marsh concerning a tene-ment in Burgh le Marsh. (Late Henry II.)

### C Y R O G R A P H V M <sup>1</sup>

Sciant presentes 7 futuri Christi fideles . quod talis concordia facta est inter priorem 7 conuentum sanctimonialium de Bulingtona . 7 Walterum filium Hugonis de Burc . 7 ex parte prioris 7 conuentus [in uer]bo <sup>2</sup> ueritatis . ex parte uero predicti Walteri sub fidei interpositione confirmata . quod predictus prior 7 conuentus tenebunt tenementum 7 terram suam de Burc . cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . sicut h[ic] usque tenuerunt . absque omni reclamacione predicti Walteri 7 heredum suorum . Predictus uero Walterus tenebit tenementum suum 7 terram quam hactenus tenuit de predicto priore 7 conuentu . 7 adquietabit erga eos per solitum seruicium . 7 fecit eis humagium de predicta terra . 7 fidelitatem . 7 heredes eius post eum similiter facient . Prefatus uero Walterus reddidit (*sic*) se predictae domui . cum deus illi inspirauerit . 7 uitam suam mutare uoluerit . ut ibi suscipiatur in canonicum . Similiter filius eius Willelmus cum ad etatem uenerit . ut religionem sustinere possit . Interim uero prior 7 conuentus procurabunt 7 prouidebunt predicto puero necessaria uictus 7 uestitus secundum morem suum . 7 discere facient que maius utilia 7 necessaria prouidebunt . Et hoc sciendum est . quod si predictus Walterus uitam suam mutauerit . uel ex hoc seculo migrauerit . concessit prior 7 conuentus . ut primus heres eius sit in custodia alicuius de parentibus suis . cui ipse uoluerit assignare . uel si etatem habuerit terram suam habeat 7 teneat . unum bi[san]cium dando pro releuacione . Qui uero custodiam pueri habuerit . fidelitatem faciet priori . quod puerum . . . 7 res eius ad profectum ipsius seruabit . 7 terram defendet . 7 adquietabit per seruicium quod ad [predictam] terram pertinet . Hoc uero totum factum est per consensum magistri . R. prioris ordinis de Sempingham . 7 sigillo illius inter eos confirmatum . His testibus . Widone decano de Askebi . Johanne . Sýmone . Waltero . capellanis de Burc . Waltero de Braitoft . Johanne de Orrebi . Gileberto de Haltuna Ricardo filio eius . Gileberto de Burc . Johanne Blanchard . Alano de Neuland . Alano filio Walteri .

<sup>1</sup> Inverted and indented.

<sup>2</sup> The surface of this charter is much injured.



No seal.

Endorsed in same hand: Cyrographum inter nos 7 Walterum filium Hugonis de tenemento de Burc.

## 14

**Harl. Chart. 47 E 14.** Grant by Richard son of Gilbert of Burgh le Marsh to Bullington priory of his whole land called Oustcroft in the parish of Burgh le Marsh. (Late Henry II.)

Cunctis Christi fidelibus . ad quos presens carta peruenerit . Ricardus filius Gileberti de Burc . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse . 7 hac mea presenti carta concessisse 7 confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie . 7 conuentui sanctimonialium de Bulingtona . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . totam terram meam que uocatur Oustcroft . in parrochia de Burc . scilicet in meridie á fossato Alani filii Walteri . cum prato interiacente in aquilonali parte usque ad terram Roberti filii Roise . 7 ab occidentali fossato eiusdem Oustcroft usque ad medietatem de Langena . uersus orientem cum toto marisco interiacente . Hanc uero terram dedi eis liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruicio 7 exactione . inperpetuum possidendam . sicut aliqua elemosina liberius possidetur . pro salute anime méé . 7 omnium antecessorum meorum . ut participes existamus omnium bonorum . que fiunt in predicta ecclesia . de Bulingtona inperpetuum . Huius donationis testes sunt . Philippus de Kima . Rogerus de Benigworda . Herbertus filius Adelardi . Simon filius Simonis . Thomas de Salebi . Simon 7 Willelmus filii Philippi de Kima . Radulfus filius Magni de Burc . Willelmus Burdet . Robertus Wascelin . Richerus de Redburna . Gilebertus filius Pagani.

Seal: lÿs. + SIGILL RICARDI DE BVRC.

Endorsed in same hand: Carta Ricardi . de Oustcroft.

## 15

**Harl. Chart. 45 A 6.** Composition of suit with Grimsby abbey concerning churches in Burgh le Marsh, to which Bullington priory had right. (1193.)

C I R O G R A P H V M <sup>1</sup>

Vniuersis sancte Matris ecclesie filiis . ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit . J. de . Torentona . 7 . A. de Wellebec abbates salutem

<sup>1</sup> Inverted and indented.

in domino . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra quod causa que uertebatur inter abbatem ⁊ conuentum de Grimesbi . ⁊ magistrum . R. de Senpingham . ⁊ priorem ⁊ conuentum de Bulingtona . super ecclesiis de Burgo . nobis á summo pontifice Celestino delegata ⁊ amicabilem in hunc modum est decisa . scilicet quod abbas ⁊ conuentus de Grimesbi . iuri si quod in prefatis ecclesiis habebant ⁊ omnibus instrumentis super eisdem ecclesiis obtentis publice in presentia nostra in perpetuum renunciauerunt . sub fidei pollicitatione per manum ipsius abbatis promittentes super eisdem ecclesiis siue aliis possessionibus tunc temporis possessis . se aduersus [conuentum de Bulingtona .<sup>1</sup>] eos nunquam moturos questionem . Similiter magister . R. prior ordinis de Senpingham . ⁊ prior ⁊ conuentus de Bulingtona . fide interposita per manum ipsius magistri . R. firmiter promiserunt super aliquibus possessionibus tunc temporis possessis aduersus canonicos de Grimesbi se nunquam moturos questionem . Hec autem amicabilem compositio facta fuit in maiori ecclesia apud Lincolniam . anno incarnationis domini . Millesimo . Centesimo nonagesimo tercio in octauis apostolorum Petri ⁊ Pauli . Et ut eadem compositio futuris temporibus firma perseueret ⁊ eam sigillorum nostrorum appositione duximus roborandam<sup>2</sup> . Hiis testibus magistro . R. de Kima . magistro . W. Blundo . S. priore de Markebi . Simone de Kima . Philippo de Canci . Gilberto de Benigwrtha . Philippo de Leghesbi.

Oval seal of Welbeck abbey. [B. M. Cat. 4287.]

Endorsed : Transactio Iudicum de ecclesia de Bullington<sup>3</sup> (circa 1200).

## 16

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 42. Confirmation by Simon of Kyme to Bullington priory of a toft and lands in Burgh le Marsh. (Late twelfth century.)**

Sciant presentes ⁊ futuri . quod ego Simon de Kýma . concessi . et hac presenti carta confirmaui deo ⁊ beate Marie . ⁊ conuentui sanctimonialium de Bulintun . ⁊ fratribus earum clericis ⁊ laicis donationem quam Willelmus filius Gilberti de Sceggenesse fecit eis . Scilicet de uno tofto trium acrarum in Burc iuxta Mosegath . uersus occidentem . ⁊ dimidiam bouatam terre quam Eudo Luueles tenuit . Scilicet que uocatur Suscroft cum pastura . ⁊ totam terram que uocatur Benedicte-land . cum tribus acris prati . uersus orientem in puram ⁊ perpetuam

<sup>1</sup> Struck through.

<sup>2</sup> From this point in a lighter ink.

<sup>3</sup> The last word is written by a later hand over an original *Burc*.



elemosinam . Et ut hec mea concessio 7 confirmatio rata 7 incussa perseu[ere]t presentis scripti testimonio . 7 sigilli mei appositione eam confirmaui . Hiis testibus . Willelmo de Kýma . Symone de Sais . Thoma de Hudetorpe . Willelmo de Caneto . Waltero Bec . Hugone de Merle . Sýmone de Kýma persona . Alano le muer . Roberto clerico de Saunford . et multis aliis.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 11154.]

Endorsed : Confirmatio Symonis . de Kyma . de uno tofto 7 dimidia . bouata terre . et de Benedicteland . in Burc (circa 1200).

## 17

Harl. Chart. 44 A 30. Grant by the prior and convent of Bullington to Gilbert son of William of Burgh le Marsh of two acres of meadow formerly given by his ancestors to the church of St. Peter of that place. (Late twelfth century.)

CYROGRAPHVM.<sup>1</sup>

Sciunt presentes 7 futuri . quod prior 7 conuentus sanctimonialium de Bulingtuna concesserunt 7 confirmauerrunt (*sic*) Gileberto filio Willelmi de Burch . 7 heredibus suis duas acras prati in Neweland . quas antecessores sui dederunt ecclesie sancti Petri de Burch . tenendas de predicto conuentu . reddendo eis annuatim ad festum sancti Botulfi duodecim denarios pro omni seruitio . Testibus . Johanne . Sýmone capellanis de Burch . Johanne de Orrebi . Hugone filio Alani de Braitoft . Gileberto filio Eudonis . Waltero filio Hugonis . Henrico filio Hugonis.

Seal : bird. . . . SIGILLVM . GILEBERTI FILII . . . . LELMI.

Endorsed : Cýrographum inter nos . 7 Gilbertum . de Burc . de .ii. acris prati (circa 1200).

## 18

Harl. Chart. 44 A 32. Grant by W the prior and the convent of Bullington to William son of Ivo of a toft in Cotes, co. Leicester.<sup>2</sup> (Circa 1200.)

X̄PC EST VIA VERITAS ET VITA.<sup>3</sup>

Sciunt presentes 7 futuri . quod nos . scilicet . W prior 7 Conuentus de Bulingtona concessimus 7 presenti carta confirmauimus Willelmo

<sup>1</sup> Cut through, not indented.

<sup>2</sup> This charter is written in the hand of the circa 1200 endorsements.

<sup>3</sup> Inverted and slightly indented.

filio Yūonis 7 heredibus suis unum toftum in Cotes . quod Helias filius Anketilli de Prestwalda dedit nobis . habens in longitudine decem percatas . 7 octo in latitudine Habendum 7 tenendum de nobis libere 7 quiete in feudo 7 hereditate reddendo nobis annuatim iiij<sup>or</sup> denarios . ad pascham . pro omni seruicio ad nos pertinente . 7 nos [predictum] toftum prefato Willelmo 7 heredibus suis warantizabimus . Hiis testibus . Anketino persona . Roberto capellano . Ricardo Putrel . Hugone de Berges . Symone Pollardo . Gileberto de la Grene.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 2756.]

No endorsement.

## 19

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 21. Confirmation by Philip of Kyme to Bullington priory of the gifts of his father, also grant by the same of lands in Faldingworth. (Circa 1160.)**

Cuntis Christi fidelibus . ad quos presens carta peruenerit . Philippus de Kima . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie . 7 conuentui sanctimonialium ecclesie de Bulingtona . omnes ecclesias . 7 redditus . 7 terras ubicunque sint . que eis collate sunt á patre meo . sicut continetur . in cartis ipsius . Dedi etiam eis ad sustentationem suam . grangiam quandam in territorio de Faldingworda . 7 totum Aldefeld . de Rauestoft usque ad Mormatehou in occidente . 7 exinde recta linea uersus meridiem . usque ad diuisas de Haneworda . 7 ex eodem Mormatehou usque ad diuisas de Neutona in aquilonali parte . Similiter dedi eis totum demenium meum in Faldingworda . infra uillam 7 extra in toftis 7 croftis . 7 terram illam de feodo meo . de Estdam usque ad Aldefeld . 7 in occidentali parte de Craumor . quam homines mei Reingotus 7 Radulfus mihi reddiderunt . 7 quietam clamauerunt . Hec omnia dedi eis 7 confirmaui in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . 7 ego 7 heredes mei post me warantizabimus eis hec omnia predicta . erga regem 7 dominos . 7 omnes homines inperpetuum . Huius rei testes sunt . Robertus secundus . episcopus *Lincolniensis* . Walterus abbas de Bardeneia . Rogerus de Benigworda . Thomas filius Willelmi . Willelmus le ostricer . Robertus de Sturs . Geruasius de Haltuna .

Tag only for seal.<sup>1</sup>

Endorsed : Confirmatio domini Philippi de Kyma . de donatione patris sui . De Aldefeld . 7 de ceteris rebus . (circa 1200).

<sup>1</sup> As the tag is covered with writing in a hand of circa 1200 it cannot be original to this charter.



## 20

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 29. Grant by Philip of Kyme to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of two bovates and two tofts in Faldingworth and also of the land of his fee within the close of the court of Eilwin Neat in Ingham. (Late Henry II.)**

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris . Philippus de Kyma . salutem . Notum sit uobis me assensu 7 concessu Hawise uxoris mee 7 Symonis filii mei 7 heredis . dedisse 7 hac carta mea confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sanctimonialibus Bolintone 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis . duas bouatas terre in Faldingwrda cum duobus toftis . scilicet cum tofto quod Oupein tenuit . 7 cum tofto quod Idde tenuit . 7 cum omnibus pertinentiis predictis bouatis pertinen[tibus] . Videlicet illas duas bouatas terre quas Geruasius de Haltona emit de Pagano de Haketorn 7 de Matilde uxore sua . que due bouate terre cum omnibus pertinentiis earum in manum meam 7 heredum meorum decenderunt ex acato 7 ex hereditate predicti Geruasii . cuius heredes . ego 7 heredes mei sumus . Faciendo 7 reddendo annuatim decem et oct[o den]arios heredibus prefati Pagani ad Pentecosten . pro omni seruitio quod ad eos uel ad heredes eorum pertinet . saluo forinseco seruitio . Preterea uero dedi 7 hac carta mea confirmaui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam predicto conuentui Bolintone totam terram que est de feodo meo infra claustrum curtis Eilwini Neat in Ingham . Et ego 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus sepedicto conuentui omnes prescriptas terras cum omnibus pertinentiis earum contra omnes homines . Hiis testibus . Symone filio meo 7 herede . Willelmo filio Walteri . Ricardo canonico *Lincolniensi* . Ricardo de Ormesbi Roberto de Wilegebi . Symone de Suabi . Petro de Westmeles . Symone de Clactorp.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed: Carta Philippi de Kima de duabus bouatis tre in Faldingwrda (Henry III).

## 21

**Harl. Chart. 45 H 28. Grant by Peter of Beckering to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of a bovate in Faldingworth. (Late Henry II.)**

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Petrus de Bekerincge salutem . Notum sit uobis me dedisse 7 concessisse . 7 hac carta mea confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Bulingtun 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis concessu 7 assensu heredum meorum in perpetuam elemosinam unam bouatam terre in territorio de Faldingwrda cum omnibus pertinentiis

eidem bouate adiacentibus . illam scilicet bouatam que fuit capta de demenio Alani Beket . 7 data Geruasio de Altona . Hanc donationem feci eis liberam 7 quietam ab omni exactione 7 seruitio quod ad me uel heredes meos pertinet . faciendo forinsecum seruitium quod ultra me uel meos transit . pro anima patris mei 7 matris mee . 7 pro mea meorumque salute . Ego uero 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus predictis sanctimonialibus hanc donationem erga dominos 7 omnes homines . His testibus Ricardo canonico ecclesie sancte Marie . Alano capellano Philippi de Kima . Nicholao de Ros clerico . Philippo de Kime . Rogero de Benigwrd . Willelmo de Munbrei . Waltero de Alford . Waltero de Oxecumbe . Willelmo Bacun . Simone de Aslactun . Reginaldo de Pumfol .

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5678.]

Endorsed : Carta Petri de Bekeringa . de . una bouata . in Faldingwrda . (circa 1200).

## 22

**Harl. Chart. 51 B 17. Grant by Gilbert son of Pagan of Hackthorn to the nuns and brethren of Bullington for the agreement made between them before the justices of three acres in Hackthorn, also confirmation of two acres in Faldingworth given by Emma, Gilbert's sister. (1187.)**

Cunctis Christi fidelibus Gillebertus filius Pagani de Hachetorn salutem . Notum sit uobis me dedisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo beate Marie & sanctimonialibus de Bulingtun & fratribus earum clericis & laicis duas acras terre arabilis ex australi parte uille in teritorio (*sic*) de Hacketorn . pro concordia que facta fuit inter nos coram iusticiis<sup>1</sup> . & unam acram terre arabilis in teritorio (*sic*) eiusdem uille ex aquilonari parte pro salute anime mee . 7 pro animabus antecessorum meorum . Sciendum est etiam me concessisse donationem duarum acrarum terre arabilis in teritorio de Faldigword quam Emma soror mea dedit domui de Bulingtun in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam pro concordia facta in curia domini regis saluo seruicio meo . His testibus . Radulfo filio Warini . Hugone de Mustrole . Galfrido de Hacketorn . Willelmo Burdet . Galfrido Columbain . Hugone filio eius . Willelmo capellano de Rande . 7 Joseph filio eius . Henrico de Langetun . 7 Roberto Beket .

Seal : dog. + SIGILLVM GILBERTI FILII PAGANI DE HAKETON.

Endorsed : Carta Gileberti de Hachetorn . de tribus acris terre . (circa 1200).

<sup>1</sup> The original of this fine is Harl. Chart. 44 A 22. (Translated by Massingberd, *Lincolnshire Final Concords*, i. 1.)



## 23

**Harl. Chart. 50 F 3.** Acknowledgement by Petronilla wife of Reginald Furre that she has sworn to bring no suit against the house of Bullington concerning the tenement which it held of the fee of William Bechet on the day of king Richard's coronation. (Richard I.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Petronilla uxor Reginaldi Furre . salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me tactis sacrosanctis euangeliiis iurasse quod nullam querelam mouebo aduersus domum de Bulingtuna de tenemento illo quod de feudo Willelmi Bechet die coronationis incliti regis Ricardi tenuerunt . Saluo tamen mihi & meis quicquid ante á fratribus predice domus de predicto feudo uir meus Reginaldus . scilicet Furre . adquisierat . Huius rei gratia dedit mihi conuentus de Bulingtuna unam uaccam . 7 uiro meo Reginaldo Furre tres marcas argenti . His testibus . Leuerico de Potteregate . Roberto filio eius . Willelmo filio Galfridi marescalli de Faldingworda . Roberto Mauhe de Hachetorn . Willelmo de Suggebroc.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed : Carta Petronille uxoris Reginaldi Furre . De quietaclamantia . de terris de Faldigwrda (circa 1200).

## 24

**Harl. Chart. 52 C 50.** Notification by Ivo de Karkenii that he has rendered to Herbert son of Adelard the land which his father held of Ivo in South Ferriby, saving the moiety of the church of that vill which Ivo had given to Bullington priory. (Early Henry II.)

Iuo de Karkenii . Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis has litteras audientibus uel uidentibus . salutem . Notum sit uobis omnibus tam futuris quam presentibus me reddidisse 7 concessisse Hereberto filio Adelardi terram quam Adelardus pater suus tenuit de me in Sudferibia 7 de antecessoribus meis . Salua medietate ecclesie eiusdem uille quam ego pietatis intuitu 7 prece ipsius Adelardi dedi et concessi in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam conuentui sancte Marie de Bulingetun . cum pertinentiis suis . quam ego 7 heredes mei eis warantizare debemus . Hanc uero tenuram reddidi et concessi Hereberto predicto 7 heredibus suis de me 7 heredibus meis tenendam

libere ⁊ quiete ⁊ honorifice . faciendo inde idem seruitium liberum quod ad eandem terram pertinet . His testibus . Ricardo priore de Toronholm . Rogero cantore de Thoritunie . Odone presbitero de Uuintrigham . Uuarino presbitero de Bertona . Uuidone presbitero de Bartuna . Ascelin de Húc . Uuillmo de bosco . Saxelino de Hesla . Hugone flandrense . Hugone Scrop . Nicolao ⁊ Thoma filiis Iuonis . Daudid nepote eius . Turpin . Saxe filio Kin . Gerardo . Hugone . Fulcone . Johanne clerico . Baldeuino . ⁊ Uuillmo . ⁊ Simone filiis eius . Petro de Scrembia . Osberto de Langetuna . Ricardo filio Gocelin . Uuillmo de Harlestorp.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed : Carta Yuonis de Karcani . De Feribi (circa 1200).

## 25

**Harl. Chart. 54 E 7. Confirmation by Herbert son of Alard to Bullington priory of the moiety of South Feriby church given by Ivo de Karkeni, with grant by the same Herbert of a small carucate in South Feriby and a toft there belonging to the fee of Barton on Humber. (Henry II.)**

Sciant presentes ⁊ futuri quod ego Herebertus filius Alardi concessi ⁊ hoc scripto confirmaui deo ⁊ beate Marie ⁊ conuentui de Bulingtun . medietatem ecclesie de Sudferibi cum pertinentiis suis omnibus quam Iuo de Karkeni assensu patris mei Alardi dedit eis in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam . Dedi etiam concessique eis in puram elemosinam ac perpetuam unam paruam carucatam terre in eadem Sudferibi cum omnibus pertinentiis suis libere ⁊ quiete quantum ad me ⁊ ad heredes meos pertinet saluo seruitio domini regis . ⁊ unum toftum quod est in eadem uilla de feodo Bartunie . Ego uero Herebertus ⁊ Johannes filius ⁊ heres meus ⁊ ceteri heredes mei warantizabimus ⁊ acquietabimus istam confirmationem ⁊ donationem erga omnes homines inperpetuum . His testibus . Philippo de Kima . Rogero de Benigwrda . Matheo fratre ipsius . Jocelino constabulario de Tikehil . Arnaldo fratre ipsius . Ricardo dispensatore . Eilbode de Scendelbi . Simone clerico de Hotoft.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed : Carta Herberti fil Alardi . de ecclesia de Feribi (circa 1200).



## 26

**Harl. Chart. 54 E 8.** Notification by Herbert son of Alard that he has given his land of South Ferriby, with the church, to Agnes his wife. (Henry II.)

Herbertus filius Alardi . omnibus amicis suis . 7 omnibus hominibus suis tam Anglis quam Francis salutem . Volo uobis notum fieri me concessisse Agneti uxori mee terram meam de Feriebi cum ecclesia 7 ceteris pertinaciis (*sic*) suis omnibus quam ipsa adquietauit a Ricardo decano Scrop xv . marcis . Concessi itaque terram predictam in feodum 7 hereditatem liberam 7 solutam ab omni seruitio excepto foriseo (*sic*) . Testibus his Rogero de Benigworda . Toma filio Willelmi . Roberto filio Radulfi . Petro de Scrembi . Osberto de Langtuna Simone Britone . Gilberto de Dunctuna Baldri de Grendal . Hugone filio Gaufrido (*sic*) . 7 Johanne sacerdote 7 Ricardo fratre suo . Willelmo de Besebi . Galtero parmentario . Johanne filio Herberti 7 Willelmo fratre suo . 7 Philippo . 7 Hugone Monacho . 7 Hugone filio Herberti .

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : Carta Herberti de Orrebi . de terra de Feribi (circa 1200).

## 27

**Harl. Chart. 54 E 10.** Grant by Agnes wife of Herbert son of Adelard to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of a small carucate in South Ferriby from the land which Herbert gave her in dower, and a toft in that vill, and the advowson of half the church of South Ferriby. (Henry II.)

Notum sit cunctis Christi fidelibus quod ego Agnes uxor Herberti filii Adelardi dedi deo 7 sancte Marie 7 sanctimonialibus de Bulingtun 7 fratribus earum in perpetuam elemosinam unam paruam carrucatam terre in Suhdferibi cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . de qua terra ipse Herbertus dominus meus dotaui me coram multis . 7 toftum unum in eadem uilla . quod est de feudo Bartonie . 7 donationem dimidie ecclesie eiusdem uille que ad eandem terram pertinet . pro qua terra dedi Herberto domino meo .xv. marcas . ut ex ea facerem uoluntatem meam . Ego cupiens uero<sup>1</sup> prouidere saluti domini mei 7 mée . liberorumque meorum dedi eam deo 7 ecclesie quam Simon pater meus fundauit in feudo suo . pro anima eiusdem patris mei 7 matris mée . omniumque predecessorum meorum . Huius donationis sunt testes ;<sup>2</sup> Philippus de Kima . Rogerus de Benigwrd .

<sup>1</sup> Signs are inserted here to the effect that *uero* should precede *cupiens*.

<sup>2</sup> The witnesses' names were written subsequently to the text.

Jocelinus constabularius de Tichehil . 7 frater eius Robertus filius Radulfi . Ricardus dispensator . Heilbode de Schedelbi . 7 Symon clericus de Hotof.

No seal.

Endorsed : 1. Carta Agnetis de Orrebi de carrucata in Feribi (circa 1200) . 7 de medietate ecclesie eiusdem (fifteenth century). 2. Notice of enrolment as in No. 7.

## 28

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 35.** Grant by Philip of Kime to the canons and nuns of Bullington of the third part of Fulnetby church. (Henry II.)

Sciunt omnes fideles Christi . quod ego Philippus . de Kýma concessi 7 dedi canonicis 7 sanctimonialibus de Buligtuna . terciam partem ecclesie de Fulletebi que ad meum feodum pertinet in perpetuum elemosinam cum omnibus suis pertinentiis pro salute mea 7 uxoris mee 7 pro anima patris mei 7 matris mee . 7 omnium meorum . Huius donationis testes sunt . Rogerus de Beinigwrd (*sic*) [7] Simon filius Simonis Ricardus clericus . Radulfus filius Osberti . Iuo de Barkewrd 7 plures alii.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5827.]

Endorsed : Carta Philippi de Kima . de tercia parte ecclesie de Fuletebi (circa 1200)<sup>1</sup>.

## 29

**Harl. Chart. 47 E 17.** Grant by Richard son of Sired of Burgh le Marsh to Bullington priory of thirteen selions in Gunby. (Circa 1200.)

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens carta peruenierit Ricardus filius Sired de Burg salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie 7 conuentui de Bulingtun tresdecim selliones in territorio de Gunnebi que abutissant super Siche inter culturam magistri Walteri de Braitof ex orientali parte 7 Upelangsiche ex occidentali parte in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam pro anima patris mei 7 matris mee 7 pro animabus antecessorum meorum . 7 ego Ricardus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predictam elemosinam predicto conuentui erga omnes homines . Hiis testibus . Johanne

<sup>1</sup> *Ecclesia de Fulletebi* written on strip of parchment upturned at foot of charter.



capellano de Burg Simone capellano Johanne filio Radulfi Gilberto filio Willelmi Alano fratre eius Waltero filio Hugonis 7 multis aliis.

Seal : lys. SIGILL RICARDI FILII SIRED.

Endorsed : Carta Ricardi filii Sired . de .xiii. sellionibus . in Bure (circa 1200).

## 30

**Harl. Chart. 54 E 36. Grant by William of Otringham to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of the moiety of Hackthorn church. (Henry II.)**

[Cunctis Christi] fidelibus Willelmus de Otringham salutem . Sciatis me dedisse & hac carta mea confirmasse deo & sancte Marie & sanctimonialibus de Bulingtuna & fratribus earum clericis & laicis medietatem [ecclesie de] Hacketorne cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in puram & perpetuam elemosinam sicut aliqua elemosina liberius & quietius dari potest pro salute anime mee & omnium antecessorum meorum . Ego uero & heredes mei warrantabimus predictam elemosinam erga omnes homines . His . testibus . Wiken capellano de Ormesbia . Ricardo capellano de Halkintuna . Rogero Scot capellano de Lude . Waltero clerico . Roberto de Ormesbi . Ricardo genero suo . Humfrido filio Walteri . Haraldo filio eius . Thome (*sic*) de Welletuna . Johanne de Lacels . Simone de Turgramebi . Alexandro de Meringa . Jacobo de Eslingtuna . Roberto filio Amund . de Cotes Martino filio Gilleberti.

No seal, and the foot of the charter has been torn.

Endorsed : Carta Willelmi de Otringham . de ecclesia de Hachetorn (circa 1200).

## 31

**Harl. Chart. 43 H 21. Confirmation by Roger precentor of Lincoln and archdeacon of the agreement concerning the church of Hackthorn made between the canons and nuns of Bullington and Philip the canon son of William the archdeacon. (Circa 1160.)**

.R. *Lincolniensis* ecclesie precentor 7 archidiaconus . omnibus fidelibus per Westrithing constitutis salutem 7 dilectionem . Que rationabiliter facta esse noscuntur quanta possumus uigilancia promouere debemus . 7 ad eorum conseruationem debitam diligentiam adhibere . Quum uero nostri officii ratione omnium debitores sumus . eis tamen propensius prouidendum esse censemus quos ad uite arcioris obseruanciam totis uiribus assurgere contemplamus ; Inde est quod uenerabilium fratrum nostrorum canonicorum 7 sanctimonialium de

Bulintuna indempnitati providere uolentes . ne tractu temporis eorum condicio deterior fieri possit conuentionem inter eos ⁊ Philippum canonicum filium Willelmi archidiaconi . factam super ecclesia de Haketorn ratam [habemus . ⁊ sigilli nostri munimine : confirmamus ; ⁊ ad petitionem Huberti de Haketorn predictos canonicos in prescriptam ecclesiam instituimus.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 1814.]

Endorsed : Carta precentoris *Lincolniensis* de ecclesia de Hachetorn (circa 1200).

## 32

**Harl. Chart. 50 D 2. Confirmation by William Foliot to the nuns of Sempringham serving God at Lindley of the gift by his man William son of Helewise of lands in Hackthorn.<sup>1</sup> (Circa 1150.)**

C Y R O G R A P H V M<sup>2</sup>

Sciant omnes fideles Christi me Willelmum Foliot concessisse deo [7] sancte Marie ⁊ sanctimonialibus de Sempingham que deo seruiunt apud Linde[leia] in perpetuam elemosinam . donationem quam Willelmus filius Helewise homo meus . ⁊ Henricus filius eius ⁊ heres . dederunt eis in perpetuam elemosinam . scilicet .viii. acras terre cultas in territorio de Hacæthor iiii<sup>or</sup> ex una parte uille ⁊ .iiii.<sup>or</sup> ex alia ⁊ totam terram que pertinet ad feodum nostrum . ex orientali parte mansure fratrum . quam habent iuxta molendinum quod est de feodo Simonis filii Will[elmi ⁊] unam acram prati [cum communi pastura .c. ouibus ⁊ .vi. uaccis ⁊ to]tidem uitulis . Hec omnia concessi predictis sanctimonialibus libera [7 quiet]a ab [omni] seruicio & consuetudine ⁊ exactione ⁊ hac presenti carta mea confirmaui . . . . . antecessorum meorum . Huius confirmationis testes [sunt Willelmus] prior de Wattona ⁊ canonici Adam ⁊ Gilbertus Robertus . Walter . Gilbertus . Ricardus . Willelmus sacerdos . Helias scriptor Walterus en . . . . . Galfridus Ageilun Willelmus de [? Santona] Radulfus [filius] Ricardi . Robertus filius Æluredi . Water filius Ordgeri.

Seal : head facing. +SIGILLVM ANGNETIS.

Endorsed : Confirmatio Willelmi Foliot . de terra Willelmi filii Helewise (circa 1200).

<sup>1</sup> This charter is in an early hand, the surface is very decayed. The copy of the Bullington cartulary in Add. MS. 6118 gives (p. 808) the charter of William son of Helewise with a note only of the present confirmation. Words which can safely be restored are given within square brackets.

<sup>2</sup> Inverted but not indented.



## 33

**Harl. Chart. 50 D 7. Grant by Ralf Foliot and Eda his wife to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of an acre in Hackthorn.<sup>1</sup> (Late Henry II.)**

Cuntis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens carta peruenerit Radulfus Foliot 7 uxor eius Eda sa[lutem]. Sciatis nos dedisse 7 presenti carta nostra concessisse 7 confirmasse pro amore dei 7 salute animar[um] nostrarum] 7 antecessorum nostrorum monialibus de Bulingtun 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis unam acram terre arabilis in territorio de Haketorn . dimidiam scilicet acram ex australi parte eiusdem uille ad Lutel Linges . 7 aliam ex aquilonari parte predictae uille . scilicet unam perticam ex occidentali parte uie que ducit Frisebi . aduersus uallem . 7 aliam perticam ex occidentali parte Ha[u]erlandesic que ad nord mare tendit . Hanc uero terram dedimus eis in pura[m] 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruicio 7 exactione . 7 [moniales] concesserunt [nobis] ut participes existamus omnium beneficiorum que fiunt in ecclesia sua ad laudem 7 gloriam dei . Huius rei [testes] sunt . Walterus capellanus . Gillebertus filius Pagani . Gillebertus foliot . Richerus d[e] Raburne . Ricardus filius Tome . Adam filius Rumi . Alexander filius Gilleberti Foliot . Ricardus . . . . su . .

Seal: lys. + SIGILLVM RADVLFI FOLLIHOT.

Endorsed: Carta Radulfi Foliot . de una acra in Hachetorn (circa 1200).

## 34

**Harl. Chart. 50 D 6. Confirmation by Alexander Foliot to Bullington priory of five acres of arable and one acre of meadow in Hackthorn, with confirmation of the gifts of William and Ralf his uncles in that place. (Late twelfth century.)**

Cunctis Christi fidelibus . qui presentem cartam uiderint . uel audierint . Alexander Foliot . de Hachetorn . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse . 7 presenti carta concessisse . 7 confirmasse de concessu 7 assensu heredum meorum . conuentui monialium de Bulingtona . 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis . quinque acras terre arabilis . 7 unam acram prati . in territorio de Hachetorn . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruicio 7 exactione . uidelicet . duas acras & dimidiam ex una parte uille . 7 duas acras 7 dimidiam ex alia parte predictae uille . quas predictis fratribus

<sup>1</sup> Surface very decayed.

assignaui . Hec uero terra non est de tercia parte terre mée . que uxorem meam Aliz de dote contingit ⁊ set de duabus partibus que me ⁊ heredes meos contingunt . Preterea concessi ⁊ confirmaui eis . quicquid Willelmus ⁊ Radulfus auunculi mei dederunt eis in perpetuam elemosinam in territorio de Hachetorn . tam in terris arabilibus . quam in pratis ⁊ pasturis . Ego uero ⁊ heredes mei post me hec omnia eis warantizabimus ⁊ adquietabimus erga regem ⁊ omnes homines . in perpetuum . His testibus . Waltero capellano . Willelmo filio Galfridi . Gileberto filio Pagani . Alano persona . Roberto Trauers . Alexandro de Vendóure . Ricardo filio Thome . Yuone filio Willelmi . Hugone Trauers . Thoma filio Galfridi . Roberto Rikeward.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed in same hand : Confirmatio Alexandri Foliot de Hachetorn.

## 35

**Harl. Chart. 51 B 21. Confirmation by Aliz of Hackthorn, widow of Alexander Folioth, to Bullington priory of all the gifts of her husband and his predecessors. (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus uisuris uel audituris cartam istam Aliz de Haketorn quondam uxor Alexandri Folioth salutem . Sciatis me in libera uiduitate mea concessisse ⁊ quietum clamasse de me . ⁊ de heredibus meis . ⁊ presenti carta mea confirmasse deo ⁊ beate Marie ⁊ conuentui sanctimonialium de Bulingtona ⁊ fratribus earum clericis ⁊ laicis in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam quicquid Alexander quondam uir meus . ⁊ predecessores sui . tam in terris quam in pratis ⁊ omnibus aliis prefato conuentui dederunt ⁊ cartis suis confirmauerunt . Hiis testibus . Willelmo capellano de Haketorn . Hugone de Chennei . Alexandro de Creuequer . Thoma clerico de Rasen . Roberto Trauers Ricardo filio Thome Thoma filio Gaufridi . Willelmo Pumfol.

Seal : ? knot. +SIGILL ALICIE FOLIOT ~.

Endorsed : Confirmacio Alicie uxoris Alexandri . Folioth . in uiduitate sua . de dono uiri sui . In Hachetorn (circa 1200).

## 36

**Harl. Chart. 57 C 21. Grant by Robert of Wendover and Juliana his wife to Bullington priory of arable and meadow in Hackthorn. (Late twelfth century.)**

Sciant presentes ⁊ futuri quod ego Robertus de Vendore ⁊ uxor mea Juliana dedimus ⁊ concessimus ⁊ hec (*sic*) presenti carta nostra



confirmauimus deo 7 beate Marie 7 conuentui monialium de Bulingtona fratribus 7 sororibus earum clericis 7 laicis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam duas acras terre arabilis in teritorio de Haketrorn (*sic*) 7 septem andenas prati 7 dimidiam andenam in Westmore . scilicet ex north parte uille de Haketrorn (*sic*) unam selionem super Torkelhil iuxta Oliuerum de Vendore apud north . 7 unam selionem super Clif iuxta terram predicti Oliueri . Et ex suth parte uille eiusdem unam selionem super Halistouehil iuxta terram Oliueri predicti apud west . 7 unam selionem super Dalefurlanges iuxta terram predicti Oliueri apud orientem . 7 tres andenas prati in Westmore iuxta pratum predicti Oliueri apud north . 7 quinque andenas prati iuxta pratum Oliueri predicti apud suth . Tenenda 7 habenda libere . 7 quiete . pacifice 7 honorifice . ab omni seruicio 7 exaccione seculari . Hanc uero donacionem 7 confirmacionem fecimus eis pro animabus patrum nostrorum 7 matrum nostrarum . 7 pro salute heredum nostrorum 7 omnium antecessorum nostrorum . Et ego Robertus predictus 7 uxor mea Juliana 7 heredes nostri warantizabimus predicto conuentui pre-nominatam terram cum prato predicto contra omnes homines inperpetuum . His testibus . Thoma capellano . Alano persona . Willelmo filio Gilberti . Ada Wdecoc . Roberto Trauers . Thoma filio Galfridi . Ricardo de Vendore . Roberto clerico . Remigio Wdecoc . 7 multis aliis.

One seal, round: lys. + SIGILL GILIANE . . OLIOT. Slit for another.

Endorsed : Carta Roberti de Wendouere de duabus acris terre in Haktorn (Henry III).

## 37

**Harl. Chart. 45 B 6.** Grant by Geoffrey of Hackthorn to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of his man Robert son of Mawe. (Henry II.)

CYRORAGRAPHVM :<sup>1</sup>

Notum sit cunctis Christi fidelibus quod ego Gaufridus de [A]chatorn concessi 7 dedi sanctimonialibus de Bulingtun 7 fratribus earum hunc hominem meum Robertum nomine filium Mawe liberum 7 quietum omni calumpnia remota de me 7 de heredibus meis inperpetuum . Nam ego warrantizabo eum predictis fratribus erga omnes calumniatores . Quare predicti fratres necessitatem meam intuentes mihi c[ari]tatis gratia .xx. solidos [dederunt]. Huius donationis testes sunt Paganus de [Achatorn] 7 Willelmus . 7 Robertus filii eius 7 Robertus Trauers 7 ... de Neuil . 7 Robertus Gunnilt 7 Warinus filius

<sup>1</sup> Inverted but not indented.

eius . . . . . filius sacerdotis . Haldanus 7 Geram filius eius Gun .  
 Ro[bertus] Hosbrit filius Huc . Willelmus filius Hae . . . Gilebertus .  
 Hoseber 7 Gaufridus frater eius . Willelmus filius Ricardi . . . . . lew  
 Ricardus Tisun . 7 Remigi[us] clericus . [7] quam plures alii Ricardus  
 7 Huf de Rilant.

No seal.

No endorsement.

## 38

**Harl. Chart. 51 B 18. Confirmation by William of Hackthorn to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of all the gifts of Geoffrey his father. (Late twelfth century.)**

Cunctis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens carta peruenerit . Willelmus de Hachetorn filius Galfridi . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse . 7 presenti carta confirmasse monialibus de *Bulingtona* . 7 fratribus suis clericis 7 laicis . omnia que Galfridus de Hachetorn pater meus eis dedit 7 dimisit . 7 cartis suis confirmauit : sicut carte eius testantur . Ego uero 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 manutenebimus omnes donationes 7 confirmationes prescripti patris mei predictis monialibus . pro amore dei . 7 salute anime mée . 7 omnium antecessorum meorum . His testibus . Waltero sacerdote eiusdem uille . Alano persona . Gileberto filio Pagani . Roberto Trauers . Alexandro de Vendoure . Adam filio Remigii . Alexandro Foliot . Hugone Trauers . Ricardo filio Thome . Yuone fratre Galfridi . Thoma filio Galfridi . Roberto Rikewardi . Remigio filio Remigii.

Seal : griffin. + SIGILL WILELMI DE HACHETORN.

Endorsed : Confirmatio Willelmi filii Galfridi de *Hachetorn* (circa 1200).

## 39

**Harl. Chart. 47 H 47. Grant by Hugh de Chennei to Bullington priory of Hugh son of Godard of Hackthorne and his homage with his issue and chattels. (Late Henry II.)<sup>1</sup>**

Cunctis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens carta peruenerit : Hugo de Chennei . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 quietum clamasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 conuentui de *Bulingtona* . Hugonem filium Godardi de Hachetorn . 7 humagium eius . cum omni sequela sua . 7 omnibus catallis suis . liberum 7 quietum de me 7 heredibus meis inperpetuum . 7 ut hec quietaclamantia inconcussa 7 illibata permaneat : eam fidei mée interpositione . 7 sigilli mei appositione corroboraui . His testibus . Waltero capellano de *Hachetorn* . Willelmo filio Galfridi . Willelmo

<sup>1</sup> This charter is written in the hand of the endorsements of circa 1200.



filio Gileberti . Roberto Trauers . Adam filio Remigii . Ricardo filio Thome . Thoma filio Galfridi.

Tag for seal, with traces of writing.

No early endorsement.

## 40

**Harl. Chart. 48 I 50. Grant by Amable de Creuequer to the nuns and convent of Bullington of two acres in Hackthorn. (? Late Henry II.)**

Sciانت omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Amable de Creuequer dedi 7 concessi 7 hac carta mea confirmaui deo 7 sancte Marie 7 sanctimonialibus 7 conuentui tam fratribus quam sororibus de Bolintun duas acras terre in campo de Hactorn in parte australi de Hactorn scilicet unam acram super Wetelant iuxta terram Thome de Rasane . 7 alteram . . . aquilonis eiusdem uille scilicet super Cracathorne hul iuxta Alexandrum de Creuequer in parte . . . . Hanc donationem don . . . . puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam pro animabus patrum 7 matrum nostrorum 7 pro anima mea [7 pro] anima uiri mei Hugonis de Chene . 7 ego predicta Amable 7 heredes mei warantizabimus hoc [donum contra] omnes homines . Hii sunt testes Thomas capellanus . Alanus persona . Alexander de Creuequer . Willelmus filius Galfridi . Robertus Trauers . Adam filius R[em]i . 7 multi alii.

Fragment of seal tag.

Endorsed: Carta Amabilis de Creuequer . de duabus acris terre . in *Hachetorn* (circa 1200).

## 41

**Harl. Chart. 57 D 48. Grant by Geoffrey of Walmesgate to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of six selions of arable in Hackthorn. (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus uisuris . uel auditoris . cartam istam? Galfridus de Walmesgare . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse . 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 sanctimonialibus de *Bulingtona* 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam sex selliones terre arabilis in territorio de Hachetorn . scilicet . unam sellionem super Sudderhil iuxta terram Willelmi filii Gúnnnes . 7 unam sellionem super Gosacres iuxta terram predictorum fratrum . 7 unam sellionem super Cleideile iuxta terram prefatorum fratrum . 7 ad aquilonalem partem eiusdem uille? unam sellionem iuxta terram Willelmi filii Gunnes . 7 unam sellionem super Wlfhages . 7 unam sellionem ad occidentem uie Frisebi . Hec omnia dedi eis

libera 7 quieta ab omni seculari seruicio 7 exactione . 7 ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 defendemus 7 adquietabimus eis hec omnia : contra regem 7 dominos . 7 omnes homines . inperpetuum . Hiis testibus . Alexandro de Creuequer . Willelmo Galfrido . Willelmo filio Gileberti . Roberto Trauers . Thomas (*sic*) filio Galfridi . Ricardo filio Thome.

Oval seal : lis. + SIGILLVM GALFRIDI FILI ROGER.

Endorsed : Carta Galfridi de Walmesgare . de .vi. sellionibus . in *Hachetorn* (circa 1200).

## 42

**Cott. Chart. xii. 15. Grant by Geoffrey of Walmesgate to Bullington priory of six acres in Hackthorn. (Late twelfth century.)**

Sciunt omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Galfridus de Walmesgare filius Rogeri de Walmesgare dedi 7 concessi 7 hac karta mea confirmaui per uoluntatem mei 7 uxoris mee sponse 7 heredum meorum deo 7 sancte Marie 7 sanctimonialibus 7 clericis 7 laicis de conuentu de Bolintona sex acras terre 7 omnem communionem ad eandem terram pertinentem in territorio campi de Hachthorn . scilicet tres acras ex una parte eiusdem uille . 7 tres acras alterius partis predictae uille . libere 7 quiete in puram elemosinam . Prima terra acrarum illarum iacet super Weletonhul iuxta terram Gilberti de Suthebroc . 7 altera terra super Dalefurlanges iuxta terram Andréé filii Willelmi . 7 altera terra est super Wetelant iuxta terram fratrum de Bolinton . 7 una percata est ad Beitesike iuxta terram Gilberti de Suthebroc . 7 una terra est ad Potegraues iuxta terram fratrum . 7 una terra est ad Grenhulslake iuxta terram Andréé filii Willelmi . 7 una terra est super Grenhul iuxta terram Gilberti de Suthebroc . 7 una terra est super Hauerlantsike iuxta terram Andréé filii Willelmi . 7 due terre sunt ad Hagwelles . 7 una perkata est in parte occidentali de Frisbigate iuxta terram fratrum . Ego predictus Galfridus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus hanc terram in puram elemosinam inperpetuum contra omnes homines . His testibus . Thoma capellano . Alano persona . Alexandro de Creuequer . Willelmo filio Galfridi . Roberto Trauers . Ada Wodekoc . 7 Thoma filio Galfridi . 7 multis aliis.<sup>1</sup>

Round seal : lis. + S GALFRIDI DE WALMESGAR.

Endorsed : Carta Galfridi de Walmesgare de terra in Haketorna (Henry III).

<sup>1</sup> The writing of this charter has an early and irregular appearance. The formulas and general drafting are quite different from the other charters of the series. It seems to be the work of a local scribe.



## 43

**Harl. Chart. 51 B 13.** Sale by Remi son of Remi of Hackthorne to Bullington priory for three marks and forty pence of eight acres of arable and five 'suathes' of meadow in Hackthorne. (Late Henry II.)

Cunctis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens carta peruenerit . Remigius filius Remigii de Hachetorn . salutem . Sciatis me uendidisse conuentui monialium de Bulingtona . 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis . pro tribus marcis argenti . 7 .xl. denariis . quos omnes in inicio huius conuentionis percepi . octo acras terre arabilis in territorio de Hachetorn . scilicet .iiii.<sup>or</sup> ex una parte eiusdem uille . 7 .iiii.<sup>or</sup> ex alia . 7 quinque suaðes<sup>1</sup> prati in West mor proximas soli . in perpetuam possessionem iure hereditario possidendam . Hec uero terra 7 hoc pratum non est de tercia parte dotis uxoris mée . set de duabus partibus que me 7 heredes meos contingunt . Hec omnia eis tradidi . 7 assignaui . 7 libera 7 quieta eis clamaui de me 7 heredibus meis absque omni seruicio 7 seculari exactione . Ego uero 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 adquietabimus hec omnia predicta contra regem 7 omnes homines . fide mea interposita in manu Walteri capellani . ad hanc pactionem fideliter obseruandam . Huius rei testes sunt . Walterus capellanus . Alanus persona . Willelmus filius Galfridi . Gilebertus filius Pagani . Alexander de Vendoure . Robertus Trauers . Yuo filius Galfridi . Adam filius Remigii . Ricardus filius Thome . Hugo Trauers . Alexander Foliot . Thomas filius Galfridi . Willelmus filius Gileberti .

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed: Carta Remigii filii Remigii de Hachetorn . de .viii. acris terre (circa 1200).

## 44

**Harl. Chart. 51 B 15.** Grant by Adam son of Remi to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of an acre and a rood and a half of arable and a rood of meadow in Hackthorn. (Late twelfth century.)

Cuntis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens carta peruenerit . Adam filius Remigii de Hakethorn salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse 7 concessisse deo 7 beate Marie . 7 sanctimonialibus de Bulingtona 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis unam acram terre arabilis . 7 unam percatam . 7 dimidiam . scilicet dimidiam acram super Gosacres . 7 tres percatas 7 dimidiam . super

<sup>1</sup> MS. *suades*, the *d* being turned into *ð* by means of a compendium.

Burghil 7 unam percatam terre arabilis in tofto quod fuit Ranulfo coco . 7 unam percatam prati de meis nouem percatis super Hartheng . 7 unam percatam prati 7 dimidiam iuxta pontem de Rattun . Hec autem omnia dedi eis . 7 confirmaui in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . libera 7 quieta ab omni seculari seruicio 7 exactione . sicut aliqua elemosina liberius 7 quietius uiris religiosis dari potest . pro salute anime mee . 7 pro anima patris mei 7 matris mee . 7 omnium antecessorum meorum . Ego uero 7 heredes mei post me warantizabimus 7 adquietabimus 7 defendemus hanc elemosinam erga regem . 7 dominos . 7 omnes homines de omnibus rebus inperpetuum . Huius re (*sic*) testes sunt . Willelmus sacerdos de Sperlincetona . Robertus Traues . Thomas filius Galfridi . Ricardus de Wendouer . Willelmus frater suus Galfridus de Walmesgare . Et plures alii.

Seal: lys. + SIGILL ADE FILII MVRI.

Endorsed: Carta Adam Wudecoc de una acra . terre . 7 .ia. percata 7 dimidia . In Hachetorn (circa 1200).

## 45

**Harl. Chart. 51 B 16. Grant by Adam son of Remi to Bullington priory of an acre of arable in Hackthorn. (Circa 1200.)**

. Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Adam filius Remigii de Hake-thorna dedi 7 hac carta confirmaui deo 7 beate Marie 7 conuentui de Bolingtona in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruicio 7 exactione unam acram terre arabilis in territorio de Hakethorna . silicet (*sic*) dimidiam acram ex australi parte uille in Thursteindeile iacentem inter terras Walteri de Gisorze . 7 Henrici berkarii . 7 ab aquilone uille dimidiam acram in Rieshil in tribus sellionibus quarum due iacent iuxta terram Willelmi filii Godardi in Stretefurlanges 7 tertia iuxta terram Hugonis Trauers similiter in Stretefurlanges . Et ego 7 heredes mei hanc nostram elemosinam warantizabimus 7 adquietabimus de omnibus seruiciis predicto conuentui versus omnes homines inperpetuum . pro dei amore 7 anime mée 7 Brietiue sponse mée 7 antecessorum 7 heredum nostrorum salute . Hiis testibus . Henrico capellano . Alano . persona . Roberto Trauers . Willelmo filio Gileberti . Roberto . 7 Hugone fratribus eiusdem . Thoma filio Galfridi . Willelmo filio eius.

Seal: lys. + SIGILLVM ADAM FILII REMMIGII.

Endorsed: Carta Adam Wudecoc . de una acra terre . in Hachetorn (circa 1200).



## 46

**Harl. Chart. 51 B 23.** Grant by Richard son of Thomas of Hackthorn to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of four acres of arable and two roods of meadow in Hackthorn. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant omnes presentes 7 futuri quod ego Ricardus filius Thome de Hachthorna assensu 7 uoluntate uxoris mee Matilde 7 Alexandri filii mei primogeniti . pro anima patris mei 7 matris mee 7 antecessorum meorum dedi 7 concessi 7 hac karta mea confirmaui deo 7 sancte Marie 7 sanctimonialibus de Bolinton 7 fratribus tam clericis quam laicis ibidem seruientibus in campo de Hachthorna .iiii.<sup>or</sup> acras terre . 7 .ii. parcatas prati in horientali parte de Redailes at Gategraines libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruicio in puram 7 perpetuam helemosinam . scilicet .i. terra iacet super Weletonhul . iuxta terram Holiuieri 7 altera est terra que pulsat super Losletthes . 7 . una terra est in horientali parte de Pottegraues . 7 .ii. seilones sunt super Stretfurlanges in north parte iuxta terram fratrum . 7 .i. terra est que pulsat super Crouthornehul 7 super terram Yvonis . Ego predictus Ricardus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus hanc terram predictam cum prato predicto contra omnes homines . His testibus . Thoma capellano qui hanc cartam scripsit . Alano persona de Hachthorna Alexandro de Creuequor Willelmo filio Galfridi . Roberto Trauers Ada Wodecok . 7 multis aliis.<sup>1</sup>

Seal: lys. + SIGILL RICA . . . . . TOME.

Endorsed: Carta Ricardi . filii . Thome . de Hachetorn . de .iiii. acris terre . 7 .ii. percatis prati (circa 1200).

## 47

**Harl. Chart. 44 A 28.** Demise by the prior and convent of Bullington to Henry son of Osbert of a bovate in Hackthorn of the fee of William son of Geoffrey, and of other land and meadow in the same vill of the fee of Adam son of Remi. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus uisuris . uel audituris cartam istam . Prior 7 Conuentus utriusque sexus domus de Bulingtona . salutem . Sciatis nos dimisisse 7 presenti carta nostra concessisse 7 confirmasse Henrico filio Osberti 7 heredibus suis . unam bouatam terre de perticatis . quam Galfridus Titeman tenuit in territorio de Hachetorn . cum prato eidem terre pertinente . 7 cum communi pastura . 7 omnibus aliis pertinenciis

<sup>1</sup> 51 B 22 is another charter of Richard in a later hand.

suis . 7 cum una perticata prati in Westmor . que sunt ex feudo Willelmi filii Galfridi de Hacheton (*sic*) . Preterea concessimus 7 confirmauimus prefato . H. 7 heredibus suis . quatuor acras terre arabilis ex aquilonali parte eiusdem uille . 7 quatuor ex meridionali parte eiusdem uille . 7 tres perticatas prati in duro prato desubtus Hanewrda . 7 tres perticatas inter Rectun 7 Thorkelhil . 7 communem pasturam quatuor animalibus 7 uno equo . 7 .lx. ouibus . 7 toftum qui fuit Jollein . que sunt ex feudo Adam filii Remigii de Hachetorn . Hec omnia concessimus ei 7 heredibus suis . libera 7 quieta ab omni seruicio 7 exactione ad nos pertinente . tenenda de nobis in feudo 7 hereditate . reddendo nobis annuatim duos solidos . duobus terminis . scilicet .xii. denarios . in dominica palmarum . 7 .xii. denarios . in assumptione beate Marie . Hiis testibus . Alexandro de Creuequer . Roberto Trauers . Willelmo filio Gileberti . Ricardo filio Thome . Thoma filio Galfridi . Galfrido de Walmesgare . Ricardo de Wendouere.<sup>1</sup>

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 2757.]

No endorsement.

## 48

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 37. Grant by Philip of Kyme to Bullington priory of the third part of the land of Gervase of Halton in East Halton. (Late Henry II.)**

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Philippus de Kýma . salutem . Notum uobis facio me dedisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 conuentui sanctimonialium 7 canonicorum Bolintone in perpetuam elemosinam terciam partem terre que fuit Geruasii de Haltona . in Haltona cum omnibus adiacentiis . tam in dominio quam in omnibus aliis pertinentiis . tenendam de me 7 de heredibus meis liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruitio 7 ab omni re que ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinet . excepto forinseco seruitio . Hanc autem donationem feci eis pro anima patris mei 7 matris méé . 7 pro anima patris 7 matris Hawise uxoris méé cuius assensu hoc feci . heredibus nostris consentientibus . et pro salute nostra 7 liberorum nostrorum . 7 omnium nostrorum tam uiuorum quam defunctorum . Testibus . Lamberto priore de Kyma . Sýmone . Willelmo . Philippo . filiiis meis . Sýmone fratre meo . Radulfo filio Osberti . Ricardo de Sancto Petro . 7 Johanne . clericis meis . Gocelino de Ponte . Johanne de Maringe 7 Roberto fratre suo .

Fragment of equestrian seal. [B. M. Cat. 5828.]

Endorsed : Carta Philippi de Kýma de terra in Haltona (Henry III).

<sup>1</sup> Written in the hand of the endorsements of circa 1200.



## 49

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 39. Provision made by Philip of Kyme towards the payment of the debt of £400 due at the Exchequer from Bullington priory. (1191.)**

. Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris . Philippus de Kýma . salutem . Sciatis uod de magno debito domus Bulintone . de .cccc. libris . unde canonici 7 conuentus *Bulintonie* finem fecerunt . anno ab incarnatione domini . m<sup>o</sup> . c<sup>o</sup> . nonagesimo primo ad Scaccarium . pro trescentum 7 quatuor libris . scilicet ad soluendum inde singulis annis centum solidos quousque totum predictum debitum quietum fuerit . scilicet .ccc. libre . 7 .iiii. de quibus ego 7 heredes mei tenemur soluere domui *Bulintonie* . octies uiginti libras . De predictis scilicet centum solidis per annum soluendis . ego 7 heredes mei reddemus predictis canonicis 7 conuentui singulis annis sexaginta solidos . quousque totum predictum debitum quietum fuerit . De quibus scilicet sexaginta solidis . ego attornauí eos ad percipiendum de Sibilla de Beningwrda . 7 Gileberto filio suo . 7 de heredibus eorum . de firma quam mihi 7 heredibus meis debent per annum de Haltona . scilicet ad festum sancti Michaelis quod est in anno ab incarnatione domini predicto percipient primo 7 triginta solidos . et ad pascha subsequens 7 triginta solidos . et ita de anno in annum . ad singulos predictos terminos . percipient .xxx. solidos 7 quousque predictae .ccc. libre . 7 .iiii. libre . quiete fuerint . Et hoc eis presenti carta mea confirmaui . Testibus . domina Hawisa de Kýma sponsa mea . Willelmo filio meo . Rannulfo de Praeriis 7 Hascuil filio suo . Magistro Ricardo de Kýma canonico *Lincolniensi* . Alano capellano . Galfrido capellano . Johanne clerico . Willelmo Ostricero .

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 6146.]

Endorsed : (1) De termino magni debiti . Ááron (circa 1200).

## 50

**Harl. Chart. 46 A 7. Acknowledgement by Gilbert of Benniworth that by the appointment of Philip of Kyme he will pay yearly to Bullington priory sixty shillings out of the hundred shillings which Roger his father used to pay to Philip for his land of East Halton, and that for the rest he will pay twenty shillings to Simon of Kyme, and be quit of the remaining sum due. (Late twelfth century.)**

Gilebertus de Beningwrda omnibus hominibus 7 amicis suis Francis 7 Anglicis . presentibus 7 futuris salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7

presenti carta mea confirmasse quod ego 7 heredes mei per assignacionem Philippi de Kȳma 7 concessum Simonis filii sui in perpetuam elemosinam suam . reddemus singulis annis domui 7 conuentui de Bolintona .lx. solidos . ad duos terminos in anno . scilicet ad Pentecosten xxx. solidos . et ad festum sancti Martini xxx. solidos . scilicet de illis centum solidis . quos Rogerus pater meus solebat annuatim reddere predicto Philippo de Kȳma . pro terra de Haltona super Humbram . Et ex eisdem .c. solidis . 7 de eadem terra ego 7 heredes mei reddemus annuatim Simoni de Kȳma 7 heredibus suis xx.<sup>ti</sup> solidos . ad predictos terminos . De residuis autem xx.<sup>ti</sup> solidis . predictorum scilicet c. solidorum ⁊ me 7 heredes meos a se 7 heredibus suis quietos clamauit . Hiis testibus . magistro Radulfo de Kȳma Ricardo canonico *Lincolniensi* . Rannulfo de Praieres . Simone de Canci . Simone de Suabi . Roberto de Trehamtona . Philippo de Praieres . Johanne clerico . Thoma de Neuilla clerico . 7 pluribus aliis.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5694.]

Endorsed: Carta Gileberti de Benigwrd de .lx. solidis . in Haltona . Gilleberti de Benigworda . (circa 1200).

## 51

**Harl. Chart. 51 B 20. Quitclaim by Juliana of Hackthorn to the nuns of Bullington of her right in four bovates of Cold Hanworth which they hold by the gift of her husband Geoffrey. (1185-1187.)**

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Juliana de Haketoren post mortem uiri mei Galfridi de Haketoren quietum clamo monialibus de Bulingtona quicquid iuris habui uel habere potui de quatuor bouatis terre de Hanewrde quas predictae moniales tenent de donatione predicti uiri mei Galfridi . 7 confirmatione domini Willelmi de Oteringham . Ego uero dotem meam alibi plenarie suscepi . scilicet . in Harpeswella 7 in Hachetorn . 7 idcirco neque dotis neque alterius cause ratione ullum clamorem de predictis .iiij.<sup>or</sup> bouatis terre aduersus predictas moniales mouebo . His testibus . Nigello uicecomite . Willelmo de Oteringham . Ricardo de Oteringham . Roberto Waceli de Vppetona . Roberto persona de Helmeswelle . Eustachio de Ledenham . Hugone de Baiota . Gile de Gousele . Willelmo de Fuletebi . Willelmo de Wihom . Philippo de Pantun . Willelmo de Torp . Ricardo de Loctun . Rogero de Millei . Thoma de Kyrchebi . Willelmo de Baiota . Roberto Wacelin milite de Redburne.

Oval seal: lȳs. Legend nearly gone (ill-struck).

Endorsed: Carta Juliane de Hachetorn (circa 1200).



## 52

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 34. Confirmation by Philip of Kyme to Bullington priory of the mill of Hemingby, &c., given by Roger de Millei. (Henry II.)**

. Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Philippus de Kÿma . salutem . Notum sit uobis me concessisse ⁊ hac carta confirmasse donationem illam quam Rogerus de Millei fecit sanctimonialibus ⁊ conuentui Bolintonie . scilicet molendinum de Hemmingebi ⁊ medietatem dominici tofti patris sui iuxta molendinum . ⁊ totum pratum quod est de feodo suo in Milnecroft . Et totum pratum quod est inter uetus stagnum ⁊ molendinum . in liberam . puram . ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam . sicut aliqua elemosina liberius . ⁊ quietius potest dari uiris religiosis . Et sciendum est quod ipsi debent adquietare predictum Rogerum in feodo . de .v. solidis . quos predictus Rogerus debuit feodo Jordani Tessun . scilicet de .ii. solidis . ⁊ .vi. denariis ad pascha ⁊ de .ii. solidis . ⁊ .vi. denariis ⁊ ad festum sancti Michaelis . sicut carta predicti Rogeri testatur . Testibus . Rannulfo de Praeriis . ⁊ Philippo fratre suo . Radulfo filio Osberti . Ricardo de Ormesbi . Ricardo de Sancto Petro . Johanne clerico meo . Waltero filio meo . Willelmo de Beaumis . Willelmo Bacun . Waltero de Houtona . Sÿmone filio Sÿmonis . Sÿmone de Chanci .

On the back of the charter the words *Omnibus sancte matris* are written in the same hand as the text.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5826.]

Endorsed : Confirmatio Philippi de Kima . de molendino de Hemigbi . (circa 1200).

## 53

**Harl. Chart. 44 A 31. Agreement between the prior and convent of Bullington and Anketill parson of Prestwald concerning tithes in Hoton and Prestwald, co. Leicester. (Late twelfth century.)**

CYROGRAPHVM<sup>1</sup>

Hec est amicabile compositio facta inter priorem ⁊ conuentum de Buligtona . ⁊ Anketillum persona de Prestwat . uidelicet quod idem Anketillus dedit ⁊ concessit ⁊ presenti carta confirmauit . priori ⁊ conuentui de Buligtona omnes decimas bladi ⁊ leguminis . ⁊ lini . in campis de Huotun (*sic*) quicumque de quacunque uilla cultor extiterit . Habendas ⁊ tenendas quamdiu uixerit (*sic*) . ⁊ in usus proprios conuertendas . ⁊ ut hoc ratum ⁊ firmum permaneat ⁊ spontanea uoluntate

<sup>1</sup> Inverted and indented.

iurauit . quod eorum adiutor 7 defensor erit . 7 sciendum quod in hius (*sic*) liberalitatis compensationem ⁊ dicti prior 7 conuentus concesserunt eidem Anketillo omnes decimas Sancti Seueri que sunt de dominico Elie in campo de Prewat (*sic*) habendas 7 tenendas quamdiu in seculari habitu uixerit . sicut ipsi unquam melius . 7 integrius eas possederunt . 7 ipsi adquietabunt predictas decimas erga monacos Sancti Seueri . Sciendum est etiam quod prefatus prior 7 conuentus concesserunt eidem Anketillo annum (*sic*) redditum unius marce infra octabas pasche soluendum . 7 in hius (*sic*) rei testimonium dicti prior 7 conuentus 7 prefatus Anketillus huic scripto signa sua posuerunt . Huis (*sic*) rei testes sunt . Martinus capellanus de Prestwat . Robertus capellanus de eadem uilla . Robertus Putrel de Cotes . Elias de Prestwat . magister Stephanus de Cantebrige . Willelmus Pumfol . Gilbertus de la grene . Henricus de Hobi . Sýmon Pollard . Ricardus de Vause.

Oval seal : spray of symmetrical foliage supporting bird. + S. ANKATILLI . PERSONE . DE PRESTEWALT.

Endorsed : Cyrographum Anketilli persone de Prestwalda . de decimis de Houtona . (circa 1200).

## 54

**Harl. Chart. 45 C 39. Grant by Anketill parson of Prestwald to Bullington priory of the tithes in Hoton referred to in the preceding agreement. (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenit . Anketillus persona de Prewat salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me diuine pietatis 7 caritatis intuitu dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac presenti carta confirmasse . priori 7 conuentui de Bulingtona omnes decimas . bladi 7 leguminis . 7 lini in campis de Huotun (*sic*) . quicunque . de quacunque uilla cultor extiterit . Habendas 7 tenendas quamdiu uixero 7 in usus proprios conuertendas . 7 ut hoc ratum 7 firmum permaneat ⁊ spontanea uoluntate iurauit quod eorum adiutor 7 defensor ero . 7 presentem paginam in hius (*sic*) rei testimonium sigilli mei munine (*sic*) roborauit . Hiis testibus . Martino capellano de Prestwat . Roberto capellano eiusdem uille . Roberto Putrel . Elia de Prestwat . magistro Stephano de Cantebrige . Willelmo Pumfola . Gileberto de la grene . Henrico de Hobi . Symone Pollard . Ricardo de Vause.<sup>1</sup>

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Endorsed : Carta Anketilli persone de Prestwald . de . decimis de Houtona . (circa 1200).

<sup>1</sup> This charter is written in the same hand as No. 53.



## 55

**Harl. Chart. 44 A 34. Grant by W. the prior and the convent of Bullington to Symon Pollard of two bovates and three-quarters of a toft in Hoton, co. Leicester. (Circa 1200.)**

Sciunt presentes 7 futuri quod nos . scilicet . W. prior 7 conuentus de Bulingtona concessimus 7 hac carta confirmauimus Sýmoni Pollardo 7 heredibus suis duas bouatas terre arabilis in territorio de Houtuna . quas Willelmus Hiap tenuit de nobis . 7 tres partes illius tofti in Houtuna . uersus orientem . quod Robertus Putrel dedit nobis . salua nobis quarta parte eiusdem tofti uersus occidentem . tenenda de nobis in feudo 7 hereditate . libere 7 quiete . reddendo pro predictis duabus bouatis capelle de Houtuna annuatim unam libram thuris in festo sancti Leonardi . 7 reddendo nobis annuatim pro predictis tribus partibus predicti tofti .iiii. denarios ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omni seruicio 7 exactione . Promisimus etiam eidem Symoni quod si quartam partem nostram predicti tofti ad firmam uoluerimus ponere . uel alicui dimittere pro iusto precio . ipse uel heredes sui erunt propinquior[es] quam aliquis alius ad id precium . His testibus . Anketino persona de Prestwalda . Roberto capellano . Roberto Putrel . Willelmo filio Iuonis . Helya de Prestwalda . Hugone de Berges . Gileberto del grene 7 multis aliis.

Along the left margin is written, and cut through, XPC . EST . UIA . UERITAS.

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Endorsed : Carta Symonis . Pollard de .ii. bouatis quas tenet de nobis in P . . . . pro .iiii. denariis (circa 1200).

## 56

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 41. Grant by Philip of Kyme to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of meadow and pasture in Huttoft and Sutton in the Marsh, also of the land from which William of Oxcumbe did him the quarter of a knight's service. (Henry II.)**

Vniuersis Christi fidelibus tam presentibus quam futuris Phýlippus de Kýma salutem in domino . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me pro salute mea 7 uxoris mee Hawise 7 filiorum 7 filiarum mearum 7 pro animabus patris mei 7 matris mee 7 omnium antecessorum meorum dedisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 sanctimonialibus de Bolintona 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis totam medietatem pasture mee 7 prati mei de Hotoft 7 de Sutuna cum omnibus pertinentiis suis 7 Nortoftum in quo predictorum fratrum domus site sunt

in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam ad sustinendam uesturam predictarum sanctimonialium 7 fratrum earum tam clericorum quam laicorum . Dedi etiam 7 presenti carta mea confirmaui deo 7 beate Marie 7 predictis sanctimonialibus in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam totam terram quam Willelmus de Oxecumba tenuit de me 7 unde mihi fecit quartam partem seruicii militis . Hanc autem elemosinam warantizabo ego 7 heredes mei post me erga omnes homines . His testibus . Willelmo de Kima . Waltero de Kȳma filiis meis . Sȳmone de Swabi . Roberto de Trahamtona Willelmo sacerdote de Langetona . Henrico genero eius . Willelmo sacerdote de Randa . 7 Josepho filio eius . magistro Radulfo de Kȳma . Alano capellano <sup>1</sup>.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6149.]

Endorsed: Carta Philippi de Kima de . . . . et de Oxecumba (circa 1200).

## 57

**Harl. Chart. 46 D 52. Grant by Eudo son of Richard of Bilsby to the nuns of Bullington of meadow and pasture in Huttoft. (Circa 1150-1160.)**

Domino episcopo Lincolie 7 omnibus sancte ecclesie fidelibus Eudo filius Ricardi de Bilesbi salutem . Notum sit uobis me dedisse sanctimonialibus de Bulingtuna in perpetua elemosina (*sic*) exteriorem maram de Lacrocheddeila cum toto [prat]o 7 cum pastura . Hanc donationem feci consensu 7 assensu meorum heredum liberam 7 quietam <sup>2</sup> ab omni terreno seruitio pro anima patris mei 7 matris mee 7 [omni]um parentum meorum . *Testimonio* . Roberti decani de Calesbi . Willelmi de Brachenholm . Odonis sacerdotis de Hag . Amfridi de Hag Willelmo fratre meo (*sic*) . Hugonis de Grene[sbi].<sup>3</sup>

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed: Carta Eudonis de Bilesbi . de prato 7 pastura in Hotoft.

## 58

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 20. Grant by Philip of Kyme and his heirs to the nuns of Bullington of the church of Ingham. (Early Henry II.)**

Notum sit cunctis Sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus quod ego Philipus [de Kim]ba & heredes mei concessimus & dedim . . . . osinam sanctimonialibus de Buli . . . . ecclesiam de Hincham cum omnibus pertin . . . . liberam & quietam sicut ulla elemosina relig . . . .

<sup>1</sup> This name is spaced out so as to complete the line.

<sup>2</sup> *quietam*.

<sup>3</sup> The last letters are almost faded beyond recognition.



conferri ualet . Hanc donationem fecimus eis in manu domni Rodberti secundi Lincolniensis episcopi in die translationis matris mee quando posita est iuxta patrem meum in capitulo sanctimonialium . pro anima patris mei & matris . & omnium fidelium . & mea meorumque salute . Coram his testibus . Waltero abbate de Bardenei . Henrico abbate de Kymba . Radulfo de Disci archidiacono Lundoniarum Willelmo Clemente capellano episcopi . magistro Malgero . Willelmo filio Simonis . 7 Simone fratre eius . 7 Wal . . . . eius . Waltero uicecomite . Rogero de Beningwrhe . Toma filio Willelmi . ceterisque quamplurimis.

Slits for seal tag.

Endorsed : Carta Philippi de Kima de ecclesia de Ingham . (circa 1200).

## 59

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 23. Grant by Philip of Kyme to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of the whole land, namely two bovates and a half held by Ailwin Neht in Ingham. (Henry II.)**

Notum sit cunctis Christi fidelibus tam futuris quam presentibus quod ego Philippus de Kime assensu uxoris mee Hathewise 7 heredum meorum dedi 7 concessi 7 hac carta mea confirmaui sanctimonialibus ecclesie beate Marie Bulingtone 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuam elemosinam . totam terram quam Ailwinus Néht tenuit in Ingham uidelicet .ij. bouatas terre 7 dimidiam cum uno tofto in eadem uilla sicut predictus Ailuinus totum illum toftum tenuit cum omnibus pertinentiis que ad totam predictam terram pertinent intra uillam 7 extra nullo iure inde mihi retento preter .ii. solidos uel unum bisantium quos mihi 7 heredibus meis pro omnibus rebus annuatim persoluent . Hanc autem terram specialiter assignaui ad alimentum ouium predictarum monialium . Ego uero Philippus 7 heredes mei post me manutenebimus 7 garantizabimus 7 adquietabimus eis totam terram predictam secundum tenorem presentis carte erga regem 7 dominos 7 nominatim erga Templarios 7 omnes homines in perpetuum pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum 7 pro mea meorumque salute . Testes hii <sup>1</sup> . Ricardus clericus de Kime . Johannes clericus . Simon filius Philippi 7 Willelmus frater eius . Rogerus de Benigwrthe . Thomas filius Willelmi . Robertus de Willghebi.

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Endorsed : Carta Philippi de Kima . de terra Ailwini neti (circa 1200). In Ingham (thirteenth century).

<sup>1</sup> Witnesses' names irregularly written.

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 38.** Grant by Philip of Kyme to Hugh and Walter sons of Robert son of Aki of two bovates in Sotby in exchange for their inheritance, namely the land of Fulk of Ingham their grandfather in Toft and Newton. With the assent of Hugh the elder brother, Philip has given these two bovates to Walter the younger to be held as the sixteenth part of half a knight's fee. (Henry II.)

Philippus de Kȳma . omnibus amicis suis 7 hominibus tam presentibus quam futuris : salutem . Notum sit uobis me escambium dedisse Hugoni 7 Waltero filiis Roberti filii Aki pro hereditate sua . scilicet pro terra que fuit Fulchonis de Ingham aui eorum . in Toft : 7 in Neutona . et per assensum 7 concessum predicti Hugonis . fratris senioris : predictum escambium dedisse prefato Waltero fratri suo . scilicet duas bouatas terre in Sottebi . que fuerunt Turgis . cum tofto quod fuit eiusdem Turgis et humagium predicti Walteri de predictis duabus bouatis terre cum tofto . 7 earum pertinentiis recepissee : illi 7 heredibus suis ad tenendum de me et de heredibus meis . libere . honorifice . 7 quiete : per sextamdecimam partem feudi dimidii militis faciendo . Et predictas duas bouatas terre cum tofto et earum pertinentiis predicto Waltero 7 heredibus suis . warrantizabimus ego 7 heredes mei . Et nisi warrantizare poterimus : nos dabimus eis escambium ad ualentiam de hereditate nostra . scilicet in uilla de Langetona . uel in Wraggebi . Testibus . Henrico priore Bulintonie . Willelmo de Kȳma filio meo . Alano capellano . Gaufrido capellano . Philippo de Leggesbi . Hugone de Strettona 7 Roberto fratre suo . 7 Rogero filio predicti Hugonis . Roberto filio Sȳmonis filii Aki . 7 Hugone fratre suo . Willelmo de Beamis . Johanne clerico . Rogero de Pumfol . 7 Reginaldo fratre suo . Waltero de Barton . Gileberto filio Normanni .

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6147.]

Endorsed: Carta Philippi de Kima . de excambio terre de Ingham . (circa 1200).

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 19.** Grant by Philip of Kyme to Bullington priory of all the lands which Fulk held of Simon Philip's father in Ingham, Toft, and Newton. (After 1169.)

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus & futuris Philippus de Kȳma salutem . Sciatis me assensu uxoris mee Hadwise & Simonis & Willelmi & Philippi filiorum meorum concessisse & dedisse & hac mea carta confirmasse Deo & ecclie sancte Marie . & sanctimonialibus de Bulingtun . & fratribus earum clericis & laicis ibidem deo seruientibus



totam terram quam Fulco tenuit de Simone patre meo & antecessoribus suis in Hingham. & totam terram quam idem Fulco tenuit de eodem Simone & antecessoribus suis in Toft . & totam terram quam idem Fulco tenuit de eodem Simone & antecessoribus suis in Neutun . cum omnibus rebus & libertatibus que pertinent ad predictas terras . in pascuis . in uuis . & semitis . in pratis . in toftis . in croftis . & omnibus aliis proficuis & aisiamentis sine aliquo retinemento . Scilicet sex bouatas terre ad seruicium domini regis in Hingham . & in Toft . & in Neutun tres bouatas ad seruicium domini regis . Hec omnia dedi eis in puram & perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mée & animarum meorum tam uiuorum quam defunctorum ut habeant & teneant omnia predicta honorifice . integre & plenarie libere & quiete de omni seculari seruicio & consuetudine & omni exactione . preter solummodo seruicium regis faciendo . Nam conuentus predictus defendet predictas terras tantummodo per denarios suos de forinseco seruicio quod pertinet ad dominum & ad heredes Ricardi de la Haie Scilicet quintam partem militis pro carrucata terre & quadragesimam partem militis pro bouata Hec omnia warantizabimus eis ego & heredes mei contra omnes homines . inperpetuum sicut nostram propriam b . . . tatem quam dedimus prefato conuentui in elemosinam . His testibus . priore Lamberto de Kýma . & conuentu eiusdem domus . Ricardo canonico *Lincolniensi* . Sýmone . Willelmo . Philippo . filiis meis . Sýmone fratre meo Waltero & G[illeberto] . filiis meis Rogero de Benigwda . Gilleberto filio eius . Thoma filio Willelmi . Willelmo filio eius . Willelmo de Mubrai . Waltero de Alfort . Ricardo de Ormesbi . Simone de Swabi . Ricardo . & Hugone fratribus.

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Endorsed : Carta Philippi de Kýma . de terra de Toft . 7 de Neutona . (circa 1200).

## 62

**Harl. Chart. 54 I 39. Grant by William de Pontfol to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of two bovates of demesne, a toft, and pasture for two hundred sheep in Ingham. (Henry II.)**

Cunctis Christi fidelibus Willelmus de Pontfol salutem . Notum sit uobis me dedisse 7 hac carta mea confirmasse concessu 7 assensu Philippi domini mei de Kýme duas bouatas terre in teritorio de Inghemham cum omnibus pertinentiis suis scilicet de dominio meo .xx. acras terre arabilis ex una parte uille 7 .xx. ex alia parte . 7 sex acras prati una perticata minus . 7 unum toftum quod fuit Radulfi filii Rogeri . 7 pasturam ducentis ouibus . deo 7 sanctimonialibus de Bulintun 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis in puram 7 perpetuam elemo[sinam]

liberas ⁊ quietas sicut aliqua elemosina religiosis liberius dari potest .  
 Hec autem omnia dedi eis pro anima patris mei ⁊ matris mée ⁊ pro  
 mea meorumque salute . Ego uero ⁊ heredes mei warantizabimus pre-  
 dictam terram erga regem ⁊ dominos ⁊ omnes homines . Huius  
 donationis testes sunt . Philippus de Kyme . Symon frater eius .  
 Symon . Willelmus . Philippus filii Philippi de Kyme . Radulfus  
 filius Osberti . Gocelinus de Ponte . Ricardus clericus de Sancto  
 Petro . Johannes clericus . Helwinus Neet . Benedictus Licolie .  
 Robertus li fracer . Gillebertus de Catelei . Hereueus de Burg.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6338.]

Endorsed : Carta Willelmi Punfol de .ii. bouatis . in Ingham (circa  
 1200).

## 63

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 24. Confirmation by Philip of Kyme to the  
 nuns and brethren of Bullington of the two bovates of demesne  
 in Ingham given them by William de Pomfol. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus Philippus de Kyma salutem .  
 Notum sit uobis me petitione ⁊ prece Willelmi de Pomfol concessisse  
 ⁊ hac carta mea confirmasse deo ⁊ sanctimonialibus de Bulintona ⁊  
 f[ratribus earum] . clericis ⁊ laicis donationem quam predictus Willel-  
 mus dedit eis . Videlicet duas bouatas terre arabilis de domenio suo in  
 teritorio (*sic*) de Ingham . scilicet .xx. acras terre ex una parte uille ⁊  
 totidem ex alia parte . ⁊ sex acras prati una pertica minus . ⁊ unum  
 toftum quod fuit Radulfi filii Rogeri . ⁊ pasturam ducentis ouibus cum  
 aliis pertinentiis eidem terre pertinentibus . Hanc autem confirma-  
 tionem feci eis pro salute anime patris mei ⁊ matris mée ⁊ ante-  
 cessorum meorum . et pro salute anime mée ⁊ uxoris mée Hawise ⁊  
 omnium nostrorum . His testibus . Symone de Kyma . ⁊ Willelmo ⁊  
 Philippo filiis meis . Radulfo filio Osberti . Willelmo de Barchewida .  
 (*sic*) Willelmo Ostricero . Ricardo de Sancto Petro clerico meo .  
 Johanne [clerico] meo . S[imone] de Suabi . Johanne de Maringe.

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Endorsed : Confirmatio Philippi de Kima de .ii. bouatis terre (circa  
 1200).

## 64

**Harl. Chart. 50 B 29. Quitclaim by John son of Richard to the  
 nuns and brethren of Bullington of half a bovate and a toft in  
 Ingham. (Henry II.)**

Sciant presentes & futuri quod Johannes filius Ricardi reddidi  
 & quietam clamaui de me & de heredibus meis inperpetuum concessu



æ assensu heredum meorum sanctimonialibus de Bulington æ fratribus earum clericis [æ laicis] dimidiam bouatam terre in territorio [de Ing]ham cum tofto [quod Benedictus] frater Fulconis tenuit . æ cum omnibus pertinentiis in manu Philippi de Kima domini mei ad opus predictarum sanctimonialium . quam scilicet bouatam tenui de feudo Philippi domini mei . nulla michi uel meis [reclamatione] in posterum inde retenta . Huius rei gratia sanctimoniales de [Buling]tun dederunt mihi .xiiii. solidos coram his testibus . Ricardo canonico ecclesie sancte Marie *Lincolniensis* . Philippo . Waltero . Gilleberto filiis [Philippi] de Kyma . Willelmo sacerdote de Langetun . . . . clerico de Lagg . . Helia de Brunne .

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Endorsed : Car . . . . . de dim . . . . . (circa 1200).

Much stained.

## 65

**Harl. Chart. 48 C II.** Confirmation by John son of William the clerk of Ingham to Bullington priory of all that the house holds in Ingham in virtue of the gifts of his father or himself. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit . Johannes filius Willelmi clerici de Ingham salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 conuentui sanctimonialium de Bulintona . quidquic (*sic*) habent in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam in terris . pratis . 7 pasturis . in toftis . 7 in croftis in Ingham ex dono Willelmi clerici patris mei . sicut carte ipsius testantur . Similiter concessi eis 7 confirmaui quidquic (*sic*) habent ex dono meo in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam in Ingham in toftis 7 croftis . in terris . pratis . 7 pasturis . cum omnibus foreribus meis 7 cum omnibus ad predictas terras pertinentiis sicut carte mee quas inde habent testantur . Hec omnia concessi eis 7 confirmaui libera 7 quieta ab omni seruicio 7 exactione seculari . Ego uero 7 heredes mei wanrantizabimus (*sic*) eis hanc predictam elemosinam nostram de omnibus rebus erga omnes homines . Hiis testibus magistro Willelmo cancellario . magistro Ricardo . de Kyma . Waltero blundo *canonicis Lincolniensibus* . Reinfrido capellano de Ingham . Simone de Kyma . Philippo . filio eius . Willelmo filio Rogeri . Rogero filio Willelmi . Gileberto de *Benigworda*<sup>1</sup> . Petro Magno de Ingham Roberto Trauers de Hakethorn .

Oval seal: lys. + S' IOHANNIS FILIE (*sic*) WILELMI DE HINGHAM.

Endorsed in same hand : Confirmatio Johannis filii . W . clerici . de terra de Ingham .

<sup>1</sup> Or possibly Gileberto de Ba as in No. 98.

**Harl. Chart. 48 C 12.** Confirmation by the same to the same of his whole land of Ingham. (Late twelfth century.)

Cunctis Christi fidelibus . ad quos presens carta peruenerit . Johannes filius Willelmi clerici de Ingham . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse . 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie . 7 conuentui sanctimonialium de *Bulingtona* . 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis . totam terram meam . 7 totum pratum cum tofto 7 crofto . 7 omnibus pertinenciis suis . 7 libertatibus . cum communi pastura eiusdem uille de Ingham . Hec omnia concessi eis . 7 confirmaui in perpetuum habenda 7 possidenda . sicut carte patris mei . 7 carte mée quas inde habent . testantur . absque omni retractatione 7 retinemento . 7 o[mnes]<sup>1</sup> qui de predicta terra 7 feudo aliquid tenuerint . sint intendentes priori 7 conuentui de *Bulingtona* . sicut domino illius feudi . Huius rei testes sunt . magister Willelmus cancellarius . Ricardus de Kima . magister Walterus blundus . canonici ecclesie beate Marie *Lincolniensis* . Reinfridus capellanus de Ingham . Willelmus persona de Brotlebi . Willelmus de Aualun . Rogerus filius Willelmi . Robertus [T]ra[uers]<sup>2</sup> Ricardus filius Thome . Adam Wdecoch . Petrus Magnus de Ingham.

No seal.

Endorsed in same hand : Carta Johannis filii Willelmi de Ingham . de tota terra sua.

**Harl. Chart. 49 G 50.** Grant by William son of Osbert of Ingham to Agnes wife of Herbert son of Alard of thirty-two acres of land and an acre and a half of meadow in Ingham for the service of the twelfth part of a knight. (Late twelfth century.)

Notum sit omnibus hominibus quod ego Willelmus filius Osberti Ingamie concessi Agneti uxori Herberti filii Alardi 7 omnibus heredibus suis .xxx. 7 .ii. acras terre 7 unam acram prati 7 dimidiam in eadem uilla tenendas de me 7 heredibus meis in feudo 7 hereditate libere 7 quiete per seruicium duodecime partis militis . 7 pro hac donatione 7 concessione accepi ab ea .iii. marcas 7 .iiii. solidos . 7 .iiii. nummos . Teste Willelmo filio Simonis 7 Waltero fratre eius . Rodberto filio Randulfi . Rodberto de Brettona . Gileberto Pilat . Rod-

<sup>1</sup> Edge injured by damp.

<sup>2</sup> Tear.



berto filio Ioheli . Hugone filio Laurentii de Bekingham . Gaufrido filio Baldewini . Turberto . Willelmo.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : Carta Willelmi clerici . de .xxx. acris terre . (circa 1200).  
In Ingham . (? late thirteenth century).

## 68

**Harl. Chart. 54 E 9. Grant by Agnes of Orby, in her widowhood, to the nuns of Bullington of the lands referred to in the preceding charter. (Circa 1200.)**

Sciant presen[tes 7] futuri quod ego Agnes de Orrebi in uiduitate mea concessi . 7 presenti carta confirmaui . deo 7 beate Marie . 7 sanctimonialibus de *Bulingtona* . triginta 7 duas acras terre arabilis . 7 unam acram prati 7 dimidiam . in perpetuam elemosinam . tenendas . in territorio de Ingham . quas scilicet acras emi á Willelmo filio Osberti de Ingham . Ego vero 7 heredes mei post me warrantizabimus eis hanc predictam elemosinam . contra omnes homines . saluo seruicio domini regis . scilicet .xii.<sup>a</sup> parte militis . His testibus . Thoma priore de Haghnebi . Radulfo capellano eiusdem uille . Radulfo de Belesbi . Thoma de Orrebi . Eudone de Fulestorp . Willelmo Dorlot . Roberto de Pun . . . . [Guid]one de la . Ual . R . . . de Asforthebi . Martino fabro . Thoma Malcuenant . Thoma filio Radulfi de Be . . . .

Large oval seal : device almost illegible. + SIGILLVM A . . . . .  
OR HERBERTI.

Endorsed : Confirmatio Agnetis de . . . de (? terris in) Ingham (same hand).

## 69

**Harl. Chart. 52 B 30. Confirmation by Adam 'del Idle' to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of the land given them by William son of Osbert of Ingham, and of the land which the same William sold to Agnes of Orby. (Late twelfth century.)**

Cunctis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens carta peruenerit . Adam del Idle . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse . 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie . 7 sanctimonialibus de *Bulingtona* . 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis . totam terram que est de feudo meo . quam Willelmus filius Osberti de Ingham dedit eis in elemosinam . 7 illam terram quam predictus Willelmus uendidit Agneti de

Orrebi . cum pratis ⁊ pasturis uiis ⁊ semitis . ⁊ omnibus aliis libertatibus . que [ad terram pre]nominatam pertinent : sicut carte prefati Willelmi testantur . Hanc uero con[cessionem ⁊] confirmationem feci eis pro salute mea . ⁊ omnium antecessorum meorum in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam . Huius rei testes sunt . Guredus supprior eiusdem domus . Willelmus capellanus *Simonis* de Kima . Philippus filius eiusdem *Simonis* . Philippus de Beaumis . Simon de Suabi . Hugo de Suabi . Willelmus filius Osberti de Ingham . Rogerus de Kima . Willelmus de Murabel .

Seal : leopard passant. + SIGILL . ADE . DE . INSVLA .

Endorsed : Confirmatio Adam de Insula . de terra Willelmi clerici . de Ingham (same hand).

## 70

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 43.** Confirmation by Simon of Kyme to Bullington priory of all the agreements made between that house and Philip of Kyme concerning the lands of Ingham and Coates. (Late twelfth century.)

. Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . tam presentibus quam futuris . Sýmon de Kýma . salutem . Notum sit uobis me concessisse ⁊ hac carta mea confirmasse conuentui *Bulintonic* totas conuentiones que facte sunt inter predictum conuentum ⁊ Philippum de Kýma patrem meum de terris de Ingham ⁊ de Cotes . sicut carta patris mei testatur quam predictus conuentus habet de eo de terris predictis Et hoc affidaui legaliter tenendum in manu Rogeri de Beningwrda . Testibus . Lamberto priore de Kýma . magistro Ricardo de Kýma canonico *Lincolniensi* . Vmfrido filio Walteri . Jurdano filio Elýe . Johanne clerico Philippi de Kyma . ⁊ multis aliis .

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6155.]

Not endorsed.

## 71

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 22.** Grant by Philip of Kyme to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of twenty acres in the marsh of Kyme and ten acres in Sprodlington. (Henry II.)

Sciunt tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Philippus de Kýma dedi ⁊ concessi concessu ⁊ assensu Hawise sponse mee ⁊ heredum nostrorum deo ⁊ sancte Marie uirgini ⁊ sanctimonialibus *Bulintone* . ⁊ fratribus suis clericis ⁊ laicis uiginti acras in marisco de Kýma in



perpetuam elemosinam . liberas ⁊ quietas ab omni seculari seruitio .  
 Has uiginti acras dedi eis inter Pittelbec ⁊ Dockedic ubi Pittelbec  
 cadit in Dockedic in capite illius ang[uli] sicut mete demonstrant .  
 Dedi etiam eis in campis de Spridlinton decem acras terre iuxta  
 [grangiam de Faldin]gworda . scilicet sex propinquiores predicte  
 grangie apud occidentem . et quatuor propinquiores predicte grangie  
 . . . . . Totam hanc predictam terram dedi eis in perpetuam  
 elemosinam liberam ⁊ quietam ab omni seculari seruitio . pro salute  
 anime mee . ⁊ anime sponse mee ⁊ filiorum nostrorum ⁊ filiarum no-  
 strarum . ⁊ pro animabus patrum ⁊ matrum nostrarum fratrum ⁊  
 sororum ⁊ omnium antecessorum nostrorum ⁊ pro animabus omnium  
 fidelium defunctorum . Hiis testibus . Sýmone . Willelmo . Philippo .  
 Waltero . ⁊ Gileberto . filiis meis . Rogero de Beningwrda . Thoma  
 filio Willelmi . Gileberto de Beningwrda magistro Ricardo de Kýma .  
 Jurdano filio Elýe . Elýa de Brunne . W[illelmo] Bacun . Johanne  
 clerico . Waltero de Bartun ⁊ multis aliis.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : Carta Philippi de Kyma . de .xx. acris in marisco de Kyma .  
 ⁊ . x . acris terre in campis de . . . . (circa 1200).

## 72

**Harl. Chart. 48 C 14. Lease by Mathew the clerk of Lincoln to  
 Bullington priory of the land which William nephew of  
 Lamfram held of him in Lincoln. (Late twelfth century.)**

Cunctis Christi fidelibus qui presentem cartam uiderint uel audierint  
 Matheus clericus de *Lincolnia* . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse ⁊ concessisse  
 ⁊ hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo ⁊ conuentui sanctimonialium  
 ecclesie beate Marie de Buligtona terram quam Willelmus nepos  
 Lamfram tenuit de me iuxta barram regis . ⁊ redditum eiusdem terre  
 in perpetuam elemosinam pro amore dei ⁊ salute anime mée . ⁊  
 omnium antecessorum meorum reddendo annuatim mihi ⁊ Hýsode  
 filie mée ⁊ heredibus nostris unam libram piperis pro omni seruitio  
 ⁊ exactione ad festum sancti Johannis baptiste . Hiis testibus  
 magistro Petro ruffo . Toma blac . Folcone picus . Roberto filio  
 Alfnat Willelmo filio Ailrici . Ricardo filio Ase . Rogero de Buli-  
 gtona . Helia medico . Henrico Cotti.

Oval seal : lys. +SIGILLVM MACHEI CLERICI.

Endorsed : Carta Mathei de terra iuxta Barram . *Lincolnie* . (late  
 thirteenth century).

## 73

**Harl. Chart. 44 A 27.** Lease by the prior and convent of Bullington to Mathew the clerk of Lincoln of the land with its rent which Fulk 'picus' held in the parish of saint Bavon in Lincoln. (Late twelfth century.)

CYROGRAPHVM<sup>1</sup>

Sciant presentes 7 futuri Christi fideles . quod nos prior 7 conventus de *Bulingtona* concessimus 7 dimisimus Matheo clerico de *Lincolnia* habere 7 tenere de nobis terram 7 redditum inde provenientem . quam Fulco picus tenuit in parrochia sancti Bauanis<sup>2</sup> . Hanc uero terram 7 redditum tenebit predictus Matheus de nobis tota uita sua reddendo nobis annuatim unam libram piperis infra octauas sancti Botulfi . Cum autem obierit . uel uitam suam mutauerit . predictam terram cum redditu pro salute anime sue 7 antecessorum eius nobis in elemosinam dedit . 7 quietam clamauit . His testibus . Willelmo de Amundeuilla . Willelmo decano . Sýmone de Kýma . Philippo filio eius . Adam filio Reginaldi Willelmo filio Ailrici . Rogero de *Bulingtona*.

Seal: lys. SIGILLVM MACHEI CLERICI.

Endorsed: Indentura Matheo clerico in . . sancti Bauonis in *Lincolnia* . (fifteenth century).

## 74

**Harl. Chart. 48 C 15.** Lease by Hysoda and Ligarda, daughters of Mathew the clerk of Lincoln, to Bullington priory of the lands and rents therefrom which Fulk 'picus' and William nephew of Lamfram respectively held. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit : Hýsoda 7 Ligarda filie Mathei clerici de *Lincolnia* salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra nos dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse deo 7 conuentui sancte Marie de *Buligtona* per assensum 7 uoluntatem Mathei clerici patris nostri terram 7 redditum inde provenientem . quam Fulco picus tenuit in parochia sancti Bauonis & terram que Willelmus nepos Lamfrani tenuit de predicto Matheo patre nostro iuxta barram regis . & redditum eiusdem terre in perpetuam elemosinam pro amore dei 7 salute anime matris nostre Christiane 7 nostra omniumque nostrorum reddendo predicto patri nostro Matheo 7 nobis 7 post nos : heredibus nostris annuatim unam libram piperis ad

<sup>1</sup> Indented.

<sup>2</sup> Bauonis corrected from Bauanis.



festum sancti Johannis baptiste pro omni seruicio 7 exactione . Hiis  
testibus . magistro Petro ruffo . Johanne clerico . Thoma blac . Ful-  
cone picus . Ricardo filio Ase . Rogero de Buligtona . Helya medico .  
Henrico Cotti . Rumpharo . Johanne . filio Johannis . Radulfo filio  
magistri Ruffi.

Slit for one seal tag.

Endorsed : Carta filiarum Mathei de *Lincolnia* . de terra in parrochia  
Sancti Bauonis . 7 de terra extra barram regis (circa 1200).

## 75

**Harl. Chart. 44 A 26. Agreement by which the prior and convent  
of Bullington grant to Alan son of Swain of Lincoln land and a  
messuage in the Parish of St. Bavon.<sup>1</sup> (Late twelfth century.)**

C Y R O G R A P H V M <sup>2</sup>

Sciant presentes 7 futuri Christi fideles qui presens scriptum uide-  
rint uel audierint quod talis conuentio facta est inter [nos] scilicet  
priorem 7 conuentum sanctimonialium de Bulingtona 7 fratres earum  
clericos 7 laicos . 7 me Ala[num] filium Swani de *Lincolnia* de terra  
7 mesagio in parrochia sancti Bauonis . scilicet quod nos prior [7]  
conuentus concessimus predicto Alano tenere 7 habere terram illam  
iure hereditario reddendo nobis annuatim pro omni [seruicio] quod  
ad nos pertinet . tres solidos . scilicet <sup>3</sup>decem 7 octo denarios ad pascha .  
7 xviii. denarios ad festum sancti Mic[haelis.] Et ego predictus  
Alanus fidelitatem eis feci de conuentione hac conseruanda . 7 de  
edificiis meis ibi cons . . . 7 ibidem manere eis sponpondi . Si uero  
ego uel heredes mei á pactis resilierimus . uel firmam non reddendo  
7 . . . non obseruando ! liceat predicto conuentui recipere terram  
suam 7 mesagium 7 inde facere quod eis placuerit sicut . . . sua .  
nisi infra .viii. dies post pascha . 7 infra .viii. dies post festum sancti  
Michaelis prescriptam firmam eis reddiderimus . Pr . . . uero prior  
7 conuentus gwarantizabit nobis predictam terram 7 mesagium .  
Huius rei testes sunt . Willelmus de Mun . . . persona . Matfridus  
clericus . Gamelus . Henricus filius Gameli . Ricardus filius Ase .  
Willelmus filius Ailrici . Aluredus de . . . chinge . Herbertus.

Seal : lis. [ + ] . . . . **HE ALANI FILII SVANI.**

Endorsed : Carta redditus .iii. solidorum . in *Lincolnia* . (circa 1200).

<sup>1</sup> The right margin of this charter has been torn away.

<sup>2</sup> Indented and inverted.

<sup>3</sup> MS. *scilf*.

**Harl. Chart. 44 H 33.** Grant by R. prior of Nockton to Sibyl wife of Roger of Benniworth of the land which belonged to Aliz Martel in Lincoln. (Late Henry II.)

. Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris . R. prior de Noketona . 7 conuentus eiusdem loci . salutem Notum sit uobis nos dedisse . 7 concessisse 7 hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse Sibille uxori Rogeri de Beningwrda ad habendum 7 tenendum de nobis 7 de ecclesia nostra in feudo 7 hereditate terram nostram que fuit Aliz Martel in *Lincolnia* . reddendo nobis annuatim dimidiam marcam argenti . scilicet quadraginta denarios ad pascha . 7 quadraginta denarios ad festum sancti Michaelis . et denarium illum qui ad ius domini regis pertinet ministris eius de *Lincolnia* annuatim persoluendo . Et sciendum est quod si ipsa uel heredes sui hoc tenementum alicui dimittere uel uendere uoluerint . prius nobis illud offerrent ad uendendum . pro tanto . quantum aliquis alius eis pro eo dare uoluerit . Et si illud emere noluerimus . liceat eis illud uendere aut dimittere cui uoluerint . exceptis uiris religiosis . salua firma nostra prescripta . 7 denario qui ad ius domini regis pertinet . Hoc tenementum warantizabimus nos predictae Sibille 7 heredibus suis contra omnes homines . Testibus . Philippo de Kýma . Sýmone Willelmo . Philippo . 7 Gileberto filiis suis . Lamberto priore de Kýma . Ricardo canonico *Lincolniensi* . Willelmo filio Walteri . Hugone canonico *Lincolniensi* . Dauid de Iwarebi . Willelmo de Torp . Sýmone de Suabi . Roberto Ribaldo . Nicolao de Ros . Johanne de Luefort qui hanc cartam scripsit ;

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Endorsed : Carta prioris 7 conuentus de Noketona de terra in *Lincolnia* . (circa 1200).

**Harl. Chart. 45 I 52.** Grant by Gilbert of Benniworth to Bullington priory of land in Lincoln. (Late twelfth century.)

Cunctis Christi fidelibus qui uiderint . uel audierint . cartam istam . Gilebertus de Benigworda . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse . 7 presenti carta confirmasse conuentui monialium de *Bullingtona* . 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis in perpetuam elemosinam . terram illam in *Lincolnia* . que fuit Aliz Martel . quam Sibilla de Benigworda mater mea emit á priore 7 conuentu de Noketona . Hanc uero terram cum edificiis concessi predictis monialibus . sicut carta matris meae testatur . liberam 7 quietam . reddendo annuatim dimidiam marcam argenti



predicto priori . 7 conuentui de Noketona . scilicet .xl. denarios ad pascha . & .xl. denarios ad festum sancti Michaelis . 7 unum denarium per annum . prepositis *Lincolnie* . qui ad ius regis pertinet . His testibus . Symone de Kima Philippo filio eius . Ranulfo auunculo eius . Roberto de Trehantona . Ranulfo de Millei . Hugone de Suabi.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5686.]

Endorsed: Confirmatio Gileberti de Benigworda de terra in *Lincolnia* . (same hand).

## 78

**Harl. Chart. 55 G 16. Confirmation by Richard de Sancto Petro to Bullington priory of the gift of land held by him in Wigford made by Lecia daughter of William son of Fardein and William her son. (Late twelfth century.)**

Cunctis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens carta peruenerit . Ricardus de Sancto Petro . salutem . Sciatis quod ego concessi donationem Lécie filie Willelmi . filii Fardein 7 Willelmi filii Martini rufi 7 ipsius Letie (*sic*) . de terra quam tenui de eis in parochia sancte Trinitatis in Wikeforda . quam predicta Lecia . 7 Willelmus filius eius dederunt deo 7 beate Marie . 7 conuentui sanctimonialium de *Bulingtona* . 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . Huius uero terre quietam clamantiam prefato conuentui feci sine omni retinemento 7 reclamacione mei . 7 omnium meorum . 7 ut maiori securitate nitatur . presentem cartam sigillo meo muniui . Huius rei testes sunt . magister . W. subdecanus magister Walterus blundus . Ricardus de Kima . Petrus de Hungaria . canonici ecclesie beate Marie *Lincolniensis* . Ad[am le] alderman Willelmus filius Warneri . Willelmus nepos Warneri . Matheus clericus Ricardus filius Jacobi . Willelmus Ailrici . 7 multi alii.

Fragment of seal tag.

Endorsed: (1) Confirmatio Ricardi de Sancto Petro de donacione Lécie 7 Willelmi . . in *Lincolnia* (same hand).

(2) Notice of enrolment as in No. 7.

## 79

**Harl. Chart. 44 A 25. Demise by the prior and convent of Bullington to Robert son of Suartebrand of the land of that house in Wigford. (Late twelfth century.)**

CYROGRAPHUM<sup>1</sup>

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis . prior 7 totus conuentus de *Bulingtona* . salutem . Notum sit omnibus uobis nos dimisisse Roberto

<sup>1</sup> Inverted and indented.

filio Suartebrand 7 heredibus suis in feudo 7 hereditate terram nostram in Wikeforda .xii. pedes habentem in latitudine . longitudinem uero á strata publica usque ad aquam de Withma . scilicet illam terram que iacet inter terram que fuit Ulf filii Garuini . 7 terram que fuit Winemeri . tenendam de domo de Bulingtona reddendo annuatim predicte domui de Bulingtona . quatuor solidos 7 .vi. denarios . pro omni seruicio quod ad nos pertinet scilicet ad festum sancti Michaelis .xx.vii. denarios . 7 ad pascha .xx.vii. denarios . Nos uero predictam terram prefato Roberto contra omnes homines warantzabimus . Et si forte aliqua de causa quod absit . predictus Robertus uel heredes sui terram istam dimittere uoluerint . reddent predicte domui de Bulingtona tres marcas argenti . cum supradicta terra . Hec omnia uero supradicta affidauit predictus Robertus tenenda 7 heredes sui post eum in manu Petri clerici . His testibus . Achardo abbate de Barlinge . Reginaldo canonico eiusdem domus . H . priore de Bulingtona . Baldewino canonico eiusdem domus . Waltero capellano de Sancta Trinitate . Petro clerico . Johanne filio Fulconis . Jurdano filio Godrici Willelmo nepote Warneri . Rannulfo filio Godwini . Sýmone ruffo.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : Cyrographum de terra in *Lincolnia* . scilicet in Wikeforda . (circa 1200). quondam Mathei Colybrand in parochia Sancti Trinitatis (fifteenth century).

## 80

**Harl. Chart. 44 A 29.** Agreement between the prior and convent of Bullington and the Lepers' hospital of the Holy Innocents, Lincoln, concerning land in Wigford. (Late twelfth century.)

CY RO GRA PHV M<sup>1</sup>

Hec est conuentio facta inter priorem 7 conuentum de Bulingtona . 7 fratres leprosos sanctorum innocentium *Lincolnie* . quod idem prior & conuentus de Bulingtona concesserunt predictis fratribus leprosis quicquid iuris habent in terra que fuit Willelmi Farthain . ex donatione Martini rufi pro tribus solidis . quas idem fratres leprosi reddent predictis priori 7 conuentui de Bulingtona . annuatim ad duos terminos . scilicet .decem 7 octo denarios . ad pascha . 7 decem 7 octo denarios ad festum sancti Michaelis . 7 si predicti fratres leprosi predictos tres solidos ad prenomatos terminos . uel saltem infra octo dies post terminos non soluerint predictis priori 7 conuentu (*sic*)

<sup>1</sup> Inverted and indented.



de *Bulingtona* : idem prior 7 conuentus habebunt liberum recursum ad redditum illius terre . quam Marcius le Flemang . 7 Robertus filius Jordani tenuerunt de predicto priore 7 conuentu . 7 ad unum denarium de redditu Emme que fuit uxor Jordani . 7 ut hec conuentio rata sit 7 firma inperpetuum : tam predictus prior 7 conuentus de *Bulingtona* . quam fratres leprosi cum interpositione iuramenti signa sua apposuerunt . His testibus . magistro . W. cancellario . Ricardo thesaurario . Waltero blundo . canonicis ecclesie beate Marie *Lincolniensis* . Wilhelmo de Lée decano . magistro . H . 7 Ricardo fratre eius de Sancto Petro . Wilhelmo nepote Warneri . Marcio le Flammang . Roberto filio Jordani decani .

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 3478.]

Endorsed : Carta inter nos . 7 leprosos sanctorum Innocentium . *Lincolie* . de redditu .iii. solidorum . (same hand as text).

## 81

**Harl. Chart. 55 B 14. Quitclaim by Ralf brother of William son-in-law of Arnwi to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of all his right in the land which Alan the weaver held in Wigford. (Circa 1200.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis . hanc cartam audituris . uel uisuris . Radulfus frater Willelmi generis Arnwi . salutem . Notum sit uobis me quietum clamasse quicquid iuris habui in illa terra quam Alanus textor tenuit in Wikeforda . sanctimonialibus de *Bulingtona* 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis inperpetuum de me 7 de heredibus meis . sicut carta Johannis fratris mei quam inde habent . testatur . 7 hoc fide affidaui . 7 iuramento confirmaui inperpetuum tenendum . His testibus . Matheo clerico . Hamundo . Ricardo filio Jacob . Wilhelmo filio Ailrici . Johanne filio Jacob . Rogero de *Bulingtona* . Willelmo filio Mathei .

Fragment of seal tag.

Endorsed : Carta quieteclamantie Radulfi . de terra quam Alanus textor tenet . in *Lincolnia* . (circa 1200).

## 82

**Harl. Chart. 50 B 36. Grant by Simon son of Simon to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of his tenement in Mablethorpe, and his land in Hardwick. (Before 1199.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Sýmon filius Sýmonis salutem . Notum sit uobis me cum corpore meo dedisse 7 presenti carta

confirmasse . deo 7 beate Marie . 7 sanctimonialibus de Bulingtona .  
 7 fratribus earum . clericis 7 laicis . in perpetuam elemosinam pro  
 salute anime mée 7 omnium antecessorum meorum . 7 heredum  
 meorum . 7 omnium amicorum meorum . tam uiuorum quam defun-  
 ctorum . totum tenementum de Malbretorp . quod pater meus dedit  
 mihi . quod Willelmus filius Walteri de Malbretorp . tenuit de me .  
 reddendo annuatim . sexaginta solidos . Preterea sciatis me dedisse .  
 7 presenti carta confirmasse . totam terram quam habui in Herdewic .  
 predictis sanctimonialibus . 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis . libere .  
 7 quiete . in perpetuam elemosinam . Hec autem predicta tenementa  
 warantizabo ego . 7 heredes mei post me ergo (*sic*) omnes homines .  
 His testibus . Winemero subdecano *Lincolniensi* . Ricardo de Keleseie .  
 Ricardo de Kyma . magistro Waltero albo . Radulfo de Virinet' .  
 Gilleberto de Beningewurda . Sýmone de Swabi . Amfrido de Swabi  
 Thoma de Stanlei . Roberto ruffo de Hotham . Radulfo de Tilneie .

Large seal : two figures dancing. Legend almost gone.

Endorsed : Carta Sýmonis filii Symonis . de Herdwic . (circa 1200).

## 83

**Harl. Chart. 83 C 49.** Quitclaim by R. prior of the whole order  
 of Sempringham and Bullington priory to Walter de Fauken-  
 berge and Agnes his wife of the whole tenement of Mable-  
 thorpe which Simon son of Simon gave to that house. (Late  
 twelfth century.)

Cunctis Christi fidelibus . R. prior tocius ordinis de Sempingham .  
 & conuentus utriusque sexus de Bulingtona . salutem . Nouerit  
 uniuersitas uestra nos remisisse . 7 quietum clamasse in perpetuum  
 Waltero de Faukenberge . 7 uxori sue Agneti 7 heredibus suis . totum  
 tenementum de Maubertorp quod Simon filius Simonis dedit nobis .  
 & ut hoc firmum sit & stabile . sigillis nostris . scilicet . R. prioris  
 ordinis de Sempingham . 7 conuentus de Bulingtona corroboratur .  
 His testibus . Philippo de Kima . Simone de Kima . 7 Willelmo de  
 Kima . filiis eius . Willelmo sacerdote de Langetona . Ricardo de  
 Kima canonico *Lincolniensi* . Willelmo fratre Walteri de Fauken-  
 berge . Philippo de Preeriis . Philippo de Leggesbi . Philippo de  
 Canci . Philippo filio Simonis de Kima . Philippo de Muletona .  
 Johanne clerico de Sottebi . Rannulfo de Millei .

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 2754.]

No endorsement.

Written in the hand of the endorsements of circa 1200.



## 84

**Harl. Chart. 50 B 31. Grant by Alan son of Roger to Bullington priory of the whole of 'Merscroft'. (Before 1191.)**

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Alanus filius Rogeri . salutem . Notum sit uobis me pro animabus patris 7 matris mee . 7 antecessorum meorum . 7 pro salute mea omniumque meorum . dedisse . 7 concessisse . 7 hac carta mea confirmasse : deo 7 conuentui utriusque sexus de Bolinton . totum Merscroft . scilicet quicquid continetur infra Merscroft . exceptis duabus acris . *quas* prior 7 conuentus de Markebi clamant ad . . . . ecclesie sue pertinere . in liberam 7 puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruitio 7 seculari exactione . Testibus . Philippo de Kýma . Radulfo filio Osberti . Gaufrido Malcuenant . Roberto Brand . Euerdei de Flandria . Waltero de Belesbi . Johanne clerico meo . Willelmo de Sancto Petro . Waltero de Oxecumbe .

Seal : lion. + SIGILLVM ALA . . . . . ROGERI.

Endorsed : Carta Alani filii Rogeri . de Merscroft . (circa 1200).

## 85

**Harl. Chart. 46 A 54. Grant by Ernis Berner of Newton and his heirs to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of seven acres in Newton by Toft. (Henry II.)**

Ernis Berner de Neutun . omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse 7 heredos (*sic*) meos . 7 hac carta mea confirmasse .vii.<sup>tem</sup> acras terre arabilis in territorio Neutun . sanctimonialibus de Bulingtun 7 fratribus earum in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . sicut aliqua elemosina liberius dari potest . Ego etiam 7 heredes mei gwarantizabimus predictam elemosinam contra omnes homines . fide mea interposita in manu Hugonis de Baiocis . His testibus . Simone de Creuequer . Waltero de Scotteneia . Gisle de Gousle . Roberto de Driebi . Graues<sup>1</sup> de la Campaine . Willelmo filio Gwarini . Bern' de Kinigholm . magistro Alexandro Malebisse . Willelmo de Punfol . Willelmo camerario . Waltero clerico . Henrico de Aford (*sic*) . Roggero de Millai . Hunfrido filio Walteri .

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : Carta Eernis (*sic*) Berner . de .vii. acris . in Neutona . (circa 1200).

<sup>1</sup> MS. *Granes*.

**Cott. Chart. xii. 17.** Grant by Muriel widow of Hugh Pumfol to the nuns of Bullington of her whole land and rent in Newton and Toft. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant presentes 7 futuri . quod ego Muriel que fuit uxor Hugonis Pumfol . dedi 7 concessi . 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui . sanctimonialibus de Bulingtun . totam terram 7 redditum quod habeo in Neutun . et in Toft . cum omnibus pertinentiis suis sine aliquo retinemento . reddendo mihi annuatim . uiginti solidos . sterlingorum . ad mediam quadragesimam . pro omnibus seruiciis 7 exactionibus que ad me pertinent Sanctimoniales uero facient forinsecum seruicium . Pro hac donacione . 7 concessione dederunt mihi sanctimoniales quadraginta solidos . sterlingorum . Hanc conuencionem . 7 donacionem fideliter . 7 absque dolo tenendam affidaui in manu Simonis de Kime . Hiis testibus . Simone de Kime . Ricardo de Kime canonico Lincolnensi . Roberto de Trehamtune . Simone de Suauebi . Waltero de Bartun . Thoma de Neuile clerico . Johanne clerico de Sottebi . Durando de Kime.

Oval seal : lys. + LE SEL MVRIEL LA FEME HVE PVMFO.  
No endorsement.

**Harl. Chart. 54 E 5.** Grant by Herbert son of Adalard to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of William son of John of Orby and his homage and chattels. (Henry II.)

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Herbertus filius Adalardi assensu Agnetis uxoris mee 7 Iohannis filii mei 7 aliorum heredum meorum concessi . 7 quietum clamaui inperpetuum . sanctimonialibus de Bulingtun 7 fratribus earum . Willelmum filium Iohannis de Orrebi . 7 humagium eius . 7 omnia catalla sua . 7 ut semper eis firma sit hec concessio absque omni reclamacione a me 7 heredibus meis 7 predicti fratres dederunt mihi duas marchas argenti . Hus (*sic*) rei testes sunt . Agnes uxor Herberti filii Alardi . Johannes filius Herberti . Willelmus de Ses . Ricardus de Forthingtune . Willelmus del mareis . Hugo le muine . Ricardus de Orrebi . Walterus de Wllingham . Hugo de Ferebi . Robertus de Scrembi . Radulfus filius Roberti . Simon Buzan.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5922.]  
No early endorsement.



**Harl. Chart. 52 G. 27.** Confirmation by Philip of Kyme to the nuns of Bullington of Reginald of Osbournby with the bovate and a half of land which he held. (Early Henry II.)

Notum sit cunctis Christi fidelibus quod ego Philippus de Kýmbe & heredes mei concedimus sanctimonialibus de Bulintun & hac mea carta confirmamus hominem illum de Osbernebi Reginaldum nomine cum tota terra sua quam de feudo meo tenet uidelicet boueta & dimidia & cum omnibus que pertinent ad eum quem scilicet Willelmus filius Ricardi dapifer condam (*sic*) patris mei dedit eis secum quando habitum religionis suscepit. Ut ergo tam illum quam omnia sua imperpetuam (*sic*) elemosinam bene & honorifice & absque ulla calumnia & querela tam a me & meis quam ab ipso Willelmo & heredibus suis excepto forinseco seruitio possideant hoc mei sigilli munimine firmare curauim pro anima patris mei & matris mee. & omnium antecessorum meorum. & pro mea meorumque salute. His testibus Rogero de Benigwrde Thoma filio Willelmi de Heintune. Herberto filio Adhaldardi. Willelmo filio Simonis. Henrico dapifero. Ricardo clerico. Roberto trauserse. Rogero de Neuile.

Seal: armorial. [B. M. Cat. 11162.]<sup>1</sup>

Endorsed: Carta Philippi de Kýma. de terra de Osbernebi. (circa 1200).

**Harl. Chart. 52 G. 31.** Grant by Philip of Kyme to the nuns and canons of Bullington of the church of St. Andrew of Prestwald with its chapels. (Henry II.)

Notum sit cunctis sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus quod ego Philippus de Kýma & heredes mei concessimus & dedimus inperpetuum (*sic*) elemosinam sanctimonialibus. & canonicis deo & sancte Marie in ecclesia de Bulingtona seruiantibus ecclesiam Beati André apostoli de Presteswad cum capellis. & omnibus pertinentiis suis liberam & quietam sicut ulla elemosina religionis (*sic*) liberius dari potest pro salute mea & uxoris mee Hawise. & heredum meorum & pro anima patris mei Symonis ex cuius hereditate hec donatio procedit. & pro anima matris mee & mea. & omnium meorum atque omnium fidelium defunctorum ut prosit nobis ad eternam salutem. Et ut hoc ratum inperpetuum permaneat presenti carta mea & his testibus confirmo. Symone Willelmo. Philippo filiis meis. Symone fratre meo. Radulfo

<sup>1</sup> This is not the original seal appended to this charter.

Osberti filio . Gaufrido de Hengelbi . Willelmo de Barcheword .  
Johanne clerico.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5823.]

Endorsed: Carta Philippi de Kima . de ecclesia de Prestwald . (circa  
1200). In thesauro (thirteenth century).

## 90

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 32. Confirmation by Philip of Kyme to the  
nuns of Bullington of the thirty acres of demesne given them  
by Asketin son of Hugh together with the church of Prest-  
wald. (Henry II.)**

. Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus . Philippus de Kýma .  
salutem . Notum sit uobis me peticione 7 prece Ásketini filii Hugonis  
de Prestewalda 7 Thme (*sic*) filii eius 7 heredis 7 aliorum heredum  
suorum concessisse 7 hac carta mea confirmasse deo 7 sanctimonialibus  
de Bolintona 7 fratribus earum . clericis 7 laicis donationem quam  
predictus Ásketinus dedit eis simul cum ecclesia de Prestewalda .  
uidelicet triginta acras terre de dominio suo simul cum aliis pertinentiis  
eidem ecclesie pertinentibus . Hanc autem confirmationem feci eis pro  
salute anime patris mei 7 matris mée 7 antecessorum meorum . et  
pro salute anime mee 7 uxoris mee Hawise 7 omnium nostrorum . His  
testibus . Sýmone de Kýma 7 Willelmo 7 Philippo filiis meis . Radulfo  
filio Osberti . Willelmo de Barkewrda . Willelmo ostricero . Ricardo  
de Sancto Petro clerico meo . Johanne clerico meo . Sýmone de Suabi .  
Johanne de Maringe . 7 Roberto fratre eius.

Fragment of equestrian seal. [B. M. Cat. 5824.]

Endorsed: Confirmatio Philippi de Kima . de terra . 7 de ecclesia de  
Prestwald . (circa 1200).

## 91

**Harl. Chart. 44 H 53. Agreement between the church of  
St. Andrew of Prestwald and the chapel of St. John of Cotes.  
(Late Henry II.)**

CYROGRAPHVM<sup>1</sup>

Subscriptam pacacionem inter ecclesiam beati Andree de Prestewald  
7 capellam beati Johannis de Cothes confirmatam presentis pagine  
testimonium munit 7 roborat . uidelicet quod predicta capella in  
parochia iam dicte ecclesie 7 in feodo uenerandi hospitalis Iherusalem  
fundata ex permissione matris ecclesie 7 libertate ipsius hospitalis qua  
nititur in crismate 7 oleo liberam consecuta est diuini officii ammini-  
strationem . et cum sepultura mortuorum plenariam ipsius loci sub

<sup>1</sup> Cut through, not indented.



honore Johannis baptiste consecrati dedicationem . Ita tamen quod nullus infans nullus mortuus tam uille de Cothes quam tocus parochie de Prestewald ibidem baptizetur uel sepeliatur : nisi ex permissione ⁊ assensu matris ecclesie . set in omnibus illi tamquam filia matri deuota omnimodam fidem ⁊ uenerationem exhibeat . nec in suscipiendis parochianis uel aliquid in quo mater ecclesia ledatur sibi uendicare presumat . Immo potius omnes manentes infra uillam de Cothes tam in decimis prestandis quam in quibuslibet aliis obuentionibus ⁊ sequelis ut parochiani suprascripte ecclesie deuoti ⁊ subiecti existant . excepta familia ⁊ mansura Ricardi Frumentini eiusdem loci fundatoris ⁊ aduocati ⁊ exceptis manentibus in clauso quod continetur inter tres uias antiquas ⁊ Soram : quos mater ecclesia sepenominate capelle ut filie sue in deo<sup>1</sup> fouendos ⁊ suscipiendos ut parochianos tam uiuos quam mortuos committit . ⁊ in perpetuum de se tenendos concedit . Retenta sibi tam Ricardi predicti quam omnium aliorum omni decimatione bladi ⁊ leguminis de campis . ⁊ ne hoc detrimento uel lesio matris ecclesie imminere uideatur : capellanus in ipsa capella ministrans duos cereos accensos precii .viii. denariorum ⁊ unam libram thuris precii .iiii.<sup>or</sup> denariorum singulis annis nomine pensionis in festiuitate beati Andree apostoli in principio misse ad altare matris ecclesie offeret . adductis secum ad minus duobus de his predictis parochianis ⁊ ipso Ricardo capelle fundatore ⁊ aduocato : uel herede suo si presens fuerit . ut in omnibus honorem ⁊ reuerentiam matri ecclesie exhibeat . ⁊ sic se illi obligatam cognoscat . salua dignitate ⁊ libertate supranominati hospitalis . ⁊ ne hoc ullis temporibus uioletur uoluntate ⁊ deliberatione persone tam matris ecclesie quam capelle consentientibus utrobique aduocatis : ⁊ fratribus hospitalis . actum est hoc ut pax ecclesie reddatur . nec pretextu alicuius inpetrati instrumenti presentis transaccionis tenor infirmetur . ⁊ ut illibate (*sic*) in posterum obseruetur . nec alicui fraudandi occasio relinquatur . presentis pagine munimine sub his testibus roboratur . Teste Radulfo de Diua : priore fratrum hospitalis . ⁊ fratre Rogero simplici . ⁊ pluribus aliis . ⁊ Philippo de Kima ecclesie de Prestewald aduocato . ⁊ Ricardo Frumentino capelle de Cothes aduocato . ⁊ Ricardo de Sancto Petro : predictae ecclesie persona . ⁊ Randulfo de Praeres . ⁊ Philippo filio Philippi de Kima . ⁊ Magistro Willelmo de Lincolnia . ⁊ Roberto filio Hardulfi . ⁊ Toma de Reinneuilla . ⁊ Gurdano . ⁊ Ioce . ⁊ Willelmo Bacun .

Two seals: (1) Small, sheaf of corn. (2) Larger figure, with hands uplifted, kneeling before cross. (Legends in each case nearly obliterated.)

No endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> The words *filie sue in deo* are repeated.

**Harl. Chart. 48 I 36. Grant by Walter de Crasci to Bullington priory of lands, &c., in Redbourne. (Circa 1150-1160.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Walterus de Crasci salutem . Sciatis me dedisse . & hac carta mea confirmasse . concessu & assensu domini mei Simonis & uxoris mee & Reginaldi filii mei & heredis & ceterorum heredum meorum deo & conuentui de Bulintu[n in] puram & perpetuam elemosinam . quatuordecim acras arabiles in teritorio (*sic*) de Raburna .vii. uidelicet ex una parte uille & totidem ex altera parte eiusdem uille quas assignaui fratribus de Bulintun . & toftum Reginaldi filii Goding in Raburna quod antea dedi eis . & totam terram meam quam habui in Tunstal . & in insula Hadhe superiori & in insula Hadhe inferiori (*sic*) totam terram feodi mei & totum mariscum meum a Sudflet usque ad diuisam de Hibaldestou & ab Ancolna quantum extenditur in occidentem . & quicquid prati & pasture habui in supradictis locis . cum nouem acris terre arabilis feodi mei . quas antea dedi & assignaui fratribus de Bulintun in teritorio (*sic*) de Raburna . Et cum his supradictis concessi eis communem pasturam terre mee de Raburna . & communes exitus . & communes introitus . & uias . & semitas . & aquas . & communam in omnibus mariscis meis . Hec omnia deidi<sup>1</sup> predicto conuentui libera & quieta ab omni exactione & seculari seruicio . sicut aliqua elemosina religiosis liberius dari potest . Ego uero Walterus . & Reginaldus filius meus . & ceteri heredes mei affidauimus fideliter tenendum omnia predicta sine malo ingenio sicut presens carta testatur . 7 warantizabimus erga regem & dominos & omnes homines . His testibus . Philippo de Kyme . Symone filio eius . Symone fratre comitis . Hereberto filio Adelardi . Tomas (*sic*) de Heintun . Rogero baarde . Roberto de Wilhebi . Willelmo capellano de Sotebi . Ricardo clerico de Sancto Petro . Roberto preposito de Warkebi . Roberto de Brinkel . Philippo de Canci .

Seal: fantastic dog. Legend almost obliterated.

Endorsed: Carta Walteri de Craci . de Reburna . (circa 1200).

**Harl. Chart. 48 I 37. Grant by Walter de Crasci to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of a toft and ten acres and a half a 'stanc' in Redbourne. Witnessed by Redbourne hundred. (Circa 1150-1160.)**

Notum sit cunctis Christi fidelibus tam futuris quam presentibus .

<sup>1</sup> Deletion point under first i.

me Ualterum de Crasci dedisse ⁊ hac charta mea confirmasse concessione ⁊ assensu Claricie uxoris mée ⁊ Reginaldi filii mei ⁊ heredis . ⁊ aliorum heredum meorum . deo ⁊ sancte Marie et sanctimonialibus de Bulintun . ⁊ fratribus earum clericis ⁊ laicis ibidem deo seruientibus . decem hacras terre ⁊ dimidiam stanc in territorio Redburnie . ⁊ unum thoftum ab australi parte uille quod . est . inter Robertum Wascelin ⁊ Robertum de Cauce . cilicet quinque acras terre ab una parte uille ⁊ ab altera quinque acras terre in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam liberam ⁊ quietam ab omni seculari seruicio ⁊ exaccione . Hanc autem terram dedi predictis sanctimonialibus de Bulintun . pro salute anime mée ⁊ antecessorum meorum . . . . .<sup>1</sup> curauimus fide interposita firme tenendum . ⁊ hec est terra quam dedi eis . in Hirst .ii. seiluns iusta Fherefures . ⁊ .ii. in Stein holm . ab australi parte molendini abbatis Selebi . ⁊ .ii. seluns ad Norhe graue il . ⁊ treis seiluns en Neudeil . ⁊ une seilun a Martin ou . ⁊ un et demi alibi in eodem Martin ou . Ab australi parte uille in Uerches holm .iiii. seiluns . in Salburn quantum abui . ⁊ in alde Scala deile .i. selun . His testibus . Filippo de Kuma<sup>2</sup> . ⁊ Sýmone Uillelmo . ⁊ Waltero filiis eius . Gregorio presbitero Redburnie . ⁊ Roberto Wascelin . ⁊ Roberto de Causce . ⁊ Petro deacono . ⁊ Roberto clerico . ⁊ Alexandro . filio eius . ⁊ Rogero clerico de Tiritun . ⁊ toto Redburn hundret.

Fragment of strip for seal tag.

Endorsed : . . . . . terre . . in Reburna . (circa 1200).

## 94

**Harl. Chart. 48 I 38.** Confirmation by Reginald de Craci to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of whatever Walter his father gave them. Witnessed by the hundred of Redbourne. (Circa 1150-1160.)

Uniuersis Christi fidelibus Reginaldus de Craci . salutem . Notum sit uniuersitati uestre me pro salute anime mée ⁊ omnium antecessorum meorum concessisse . ⁊ presenti carta confirmasse deo ⁊ beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Bulingtuna ⁊ fratribus earum clericis ⁊ laicis in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam quicquid pater meus Walterus scilicet de Craci dedit eis . secundum quod carte ipsius testantur . Hanc autem elemosinam uuarantizabo ego ⁊ heredes mei post me erga omnes homines . His testibus . Gregorio presbitero . et Roberto Wascelin . Roberto de Cauce . Petro diacono . Roberto

<sup>1</sup> A hole in the manuscript, destroying perhaps two words.

<sup>2</sup> These letters may be read *Kimia*.



clerico . & Alexandro filio eius . Willelmo filio Radulfi . Willelmo . . . . . e & hundret de Redburn.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : Confirmatio Reginaldi de Craci . de terra . in Reburna . (circa 1200).

## 95

**Harl. Chart. 50 C 1. Confirmation by Simon son of Walter to the nuns of Bullington of land and a toft in Redbourne given them by his man Walter de Crasci. (Circa 1150-1160.)**

Simon filius Walteri omnibus legentibus ⁊ audientibus literas has ⁊ salutem Noueritis me concessisse ⁊ hac mea presenti carta confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Buligtun in liberam ⁊ quietam elemosinam ab omni terreno seruitio possidendam illam donationem quam Walterus de Crasci homo meus dedit eis de feudo meo in Redburna sicut carta eiusdem Walteri testatur . scilicet totam terram quam habuit in Tunstal . ⁊ in insula Hade superiori . ⁊ in insula Hade inferiori . sicut eadem terra in his [pred]ictis locis tendit usque in Ancolnam . ⁊ toftum Reginaldi filii Goding . ⁊ communem pasturam terre sue ⁊ communes introitus ⁊ exitus . ⁊ uias ⁊ semitas ⁊ aquas . Hanc concessionem feci consilio ⁊ concessione uxoris mee ⁊ heredum meorum . pro salute anime mee ⁊ omnium parentum meorum . Testibus Radulfo abbate de Parco . Roberto cellerario Radulfo priore . Willelmo bono amico Thoma de Brakenberga . Roberto fratre meo . Hamone homine meo . Picoto de Corintun.<sup>1</sup>

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6018.]

Endorsed : Confirmatio Simonis fil Walteri . . . . Walteri de Craci . . . de Reburna . (circa 1200).

## 96

**Harl. Chart. 48 I 51. Grant by Alexander de Crevequer to the nuns of Bullington of land, &c., in Hackthorn and Redbourne. (Henry II.)**

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri . quod ego Alexander de Creuequer concessi ⁊ dedi . ⁊ hac carta confirmaui deo ⁊ beate Marie . ⁊ monialibus de Bulingtuna quadraginta acras terre arabilis in territorio de Hachetorn . ⁊ decem acras prati . ⁊ duas acras ad habitandum iuxta molendinum quod situm est in feudo Sýmonis filii Willelmi . liberas ⁊ quietas ab omni seculari seruicio . cum communi pastura de Hachetorn . ⁊ de Haneworda . quingentis ouibus . ⁊ decem uaccis ⁊ totidem uitulis . Concessi etiam ⁊ dedi ⁊ confirmaui ipsis monialibus totam

<sup>1</sup> The names of witnesses are written irregularly and are subsequent to the sealing of the charter. The seal tag passes between the words *priore* and *Willelmo*, and again between *de* and *Corintun*.

insulam que dicitur Tunstale in territorio de Redburna . 7 in insula Hadhe totam partem que ad feudum nostrum pertinet . preter illam terram quam Reginaldus Wascelin de feudo nostro tenuit . pro qua terra pater meus Reginaldus 7 ego dedimus predictis monialibus extra insulam triginta acras de terra arabili in campo de Redburna . 7 communem pasturam trescentis ouibus . ceterisque pecoribus earum . 7 plenariam communionem . in pasturis . 7 in mariscis . 7 in aquis . 7 in piscariis . 7 totum pratum nostrum quod est inter Tunstale 7 Hadhe usque ad Hancolne . 7 totum Wlfholm . 7 sexdecim acras alias extra insulam in campis de Redburne . Preter hec concessi eis 7 dedi . 7 confirmaui situm molendini quod tenuit Seir de Boue . de feudo nostro . Et ut hec omnia . terram scilicet arabilem . pratum . 7 pasturas . 7 piscaria . tam in aquis quam in mariscis . secure 7 plenarie habeant . sigilli nostri munimine diuine pietatis intuitu illis corroborauit .<sup>1</sup> Hec omnia doncessi (*sic*) eis 7 dedi 7 confirmaui pro animabus patris mei 7 matris mée . 7 omnium antecessorum meorum . 7 pro salute mea omniumque meorum . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . libera 7 quieta ab omni seculari seruicio . sicut aliqua elemosina liberius dari potest . Ego uero 7 heredes mei post me adquietabimus 7 warantizabimus hec omnia erga omnes homines predictis monialibus . cum libero introitu 7 exitu . Roberto archidiacono . 7 Alexandro fratre magistri Heim . 7 magistro Rogero paruo . 7 magistro Alexandro le iouene . 7 Johanne presbitero de Sancta Margarta (*sic*) . testibus . nec non 7 Matheo de Benigworda . 7 Roberto de Cauz . 7 Richero le schirmissur . 7 Alano Bechet .

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : (1) Carta Alexandri de Creuequer . de .xl. acris terre . (circa 1200). (2) Note of enrolment as in No. 7.

## 97

### Harl. Chart. 57 D 20. Grant by William Wacelin to the nuns of Bullington of land in Redbourne. (Early Henry II.)

Sciant cuncti Christi fideles tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Willelmus Wacelin dedi & huius carte mée testimonio confirmaui deo & sancte Marie atque sanctimonialibus professionis de Sempingham . apud Bulingtun deo seruendum addictis . xi. acras terre arabilis in territorio de Redburn . nouem scilicet acras in superiori Hathe . & .ii. in Suthi irst . & culturām meam in Hestfen grangie proximorem in prāto & marisco quod est inter Tunstal & Ancolna habens .xv. perticatas in latum . & vii. quadragenas in longum . uidelicet ab insula Tunstal usque ad filum aque Ancolnie . & totam

<sup>1</sup> As far as this word, this charter is printed in *Mon. Ang.* vii. 952.

partem mean in Wlfholm . Hanc predictam terram dedi cum filia mea predictis sanctimonialibus & assignaui fratribus earum pro animabus patris mei & matris mee & uxoris mee Wimarc . & pro salute mea & meorum solutam & quietam ab omni seculari seruitio & exactione & consuetudine in perpetuam elemosinam sicut aliqua elemosina liberior potest dari . Ego uero & heredes mei adquietabimus & [defendemus] terram istam de nostro proprio erga regem & dominos & omnes homines de uniuersis que ad terram pertinent . Et insuper ego adiuuabo & manutenebo predictam domum de Bulingtun & fratres domus & omnia que ad domum pertinent ubicumque potero secundum posse meum . sine de meo dare . Huius donationis testes sunt . <sup>1</sup>Geraldus parent . Philipus de Kȳma . Simon frater eius . Simon ⁊ Willelmus filii Philippi de Kȳma . Johannes de Maringa . Simon de Suabi . Rogerus Mustela . Petrus de Becheringa . Halanus Bretun . Simon clericus de Winetorp . Durant stabularius .

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : Carta Willelmi Wascelin . de .xi. acris terre . (circa 1200).

## 98

**Harl. Chart. 54 B 29. Grant by Walter de Nefwilla to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of a toft in Redbourne. (Henry II.)**

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Walterus de Nefwilla salutem . Notum sit uniuersitati uestre me consensu ⁊ assensu uxoris mee Cecilie ⁊ heredum meorum dimisisse ⁊ hac presenti carta confirmasse . monialibus de Bulingtun ⁊ fratribus earum clericis ⁊ laicis unum toftum in occidentali parte uille de Reburn iuxta Willelmum filium Radulfi medici ⁊ iuxta molendinum Roberti de Cauce tenendum de me ⁊ heredibus meis libere ⁊ quiete ab omni seculari sercio (*sic*) ⁊ exactione ad faciendum ex eo quodcumque eis placuerit . cum libero introitu ⁊ exitu reddendo mihi annuatim ⁊ heredibus meis pro omnibus seruiciis duos tantum modo solidos . ⁊ his terminis ad festum Martini .xii. denarios . ⁊ ad Pentecosten .xii. denarios . Hanc autem donationem ego ⁊ heredes mei warantizabimus eis pro seruicio predicto erga regem ⁊ omnes homines in perpetuum . His testibus . Thomas (*sic*) de Nefwilla . Roberto Wacelin . Willelmo de Mureres . Radulfo Warini filio . Huberto de Heitun . Gilleberto de Ba . Radulfo clerico de Stoue . Galfrido de Hachetþorn . Richer de Redburn . Roberto clerico . de Redburn .

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6261.]

Endorsed : Carta Walteri de Neuilla de tofto . in Reburna . (circa 1200).

<sup>1</sup> The names of witnesses, though written regularly, and in the same hand, are subsequent to the text.



**Harl. Chart. 54 B 26. Grant by Walter de Nevilla to the nuns of Bullington of a fishery in the river Ancolne. (Late twelfth century.)**

Cunctis Christi fidelibus tam futuris quam presentibus . Walterus de Neuilla salutem . Sciatis me ⁊ Ceciliam uxorem meam dedisse . ⁊ presenti carta confirmasse in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam . sororibus nostris sanctimonialibus de Bulingtona . unam piscariam in Ancolne cum pertinentiis suis proximam grangie sue de Tunstal . illam scilicet piscariam quam Arnaldus tenuit ad firmam de me . ⁊ ut illam piscariam liberam ⁊ quietam habeant ⁊ teneant ad opus infirmancium . presentem cartam sigillis nostris munivimus . His testibus . Roberto capellano . Roberto Beneit . Ricardo clerico . Alano de Rokesbi . Richero de Redburna . Johanne de B. rkethueit <sup>1</sup> . Willelmo ⁊ Ricardo fratribus Roberti capellani . Willelmo Beneit.

Two seals: (1) oval, impression of gem. + **5 WALTERI DE NEVILA.**  
(2) round, hawk. + **SIGILL: CECILIE: DE: CREVECWER.**

Endorsed: Carta Walteri de Neuilla . de una piscaria in Ancolne . In Reburna . ad opus infirmantium (same hand as text).

**Harl. Chart. 50 B 35. Grant by Symon son of Symon to the nuns, canons, and brethren of Bullington of a bovate in Skegness. (Late Henry II.)**

. Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Symon filius Symonis salutem . Notum uobis fatio (*sic*) me concessisse ⁊ presenti carta confirmasse sanctimonialibus ⁊ canonicis ⁊ fratribus Bulinctonie unam bouatam terre in Schegenes quam Walterus Bogris <sup>2</sup> . ⁊ Agemundus tenuerunt de me pro anima patris ⁊ matris mee in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam liberam ⁊ quietam ab omni seculari seruitio quod ad me pertinet . His . testibus . Adam abbate de Wellebec . Philippo de Kȳma . Alexandro Malebisse . Ricardo de Sancto Petro . Roberto de 'Turp' . Widone de Insula . Willelmo de Punfol . Roberto de Maringa.

Seal as in No. 82.

Endorsed: Carta Simonis filii Simonis . . . . bouata terre in Skeggesse (? contemporary).

<sup>1</sup> Surface injured here.

<sup>2</sup> *Bogis*, with compendium for *ir* or *ri*: it is certainly not the sign used for *er*.

## 101

**Cott. Chart. xxvii. 195.** Confirmation by Roger Musteile to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of all the land given them by his men of Torrington bond and free until the eleventh year of Henry II. (1165.)

Sciant omnes tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Rogerus Musteile & omnes heredes mei concessimus 7 huius carte nostre testimonio in perpetuam elemosinam confirmauimus totam terram quam homines nostri de Tiringtun scilicet Alanus Bretun & alii tam rustici quam liberi dederunt usque ad hanc diem hoc est usque ad annum .xi. Henrici regis secundi pro amore dei sanctimonialibus de Bulingtonia & fratribus earum tam clericis quam laicis in teritorio (*sic*) predictae uille. Si uero aliquis super hoc eis iniuriam facere uoluerit ego & heredes mei garantizabimus eis hanc donationem & concessionem contra omnes homines saluo seruicio nostro de heredibus donantium. Huius concessionis sunt isti testes. Gilebertus canonicus prefate domus. 7 frater Haldanus. frater Anca. Alanus Bretun (*sic*). Et sciendum est quod ego 7 heredes mei concessimus 7 confirmauimus imperpetuam (*sic*) elemosinam predictis monialibus 7 fratribus earum illam terram que uocatur . . . : r super ueteres terras iuxta diuisas de Bekeringa Coram his testibus. Radulfo sacerdote de Est Barkeword. Willelmo sacerdote de Rande. Radulfo clerico de Hotham. Roberto Burdet de Rande. Elfwino de Bekeringa.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed: Confirmatio Rogeri Mustela de terra. de Tiringtona (circa 1200).

## 102

**Cott. Chart. xii. 55.** Grant by Roger Musteil to William his brother of a toft and two bovates of demesne in Torrington for a pound of pepper yearly so long as Roger's mother shall live and for two shillings yearly after her death. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Rogerus Musteil salutem. Sciatis me concessisse & hac carta mea confirmasse Willelmo fratri meo unum toftum & duas bouatas terre de dominio meo in territorio de Tirintun cum omnibus pertinentiis tam in pratis quam in pasturis in uiis & exitibus liberas & quietas ab omni seruicio excepto quod quamdiu uixerit mater mea dabit mihi annuatim unam libram piperis ad festum sancti Johannis. Post obitum matris mee soluet mihi

singulis annis duos solidos . pro omni seruicio .xii. denarios ad festum sancti Botulfi . 7 .xii. ad festum sancti Martini . Hoc autem feci ei p[ro]<sup>1</sup> seruitio<sup>1</sup> suo concessu Willelmi filii mei 7 heredis ut hanc terram hereditario jure possideat . de me 7 heredibus meis ipse 7 heredes sui . Teste Capitulo de Bulintun . Gilleberto capellano de Widkehale . Petro de Beccheringe . Alexandro de Blesebi . Willelmo filio suo . Johanne de Meaus . Hugone de Pantun . Roberto de Benigtun . Turstano fratre eius . Waltero Pretun . Alano fratre eius . Durant de Tirintun.

Two seals : (1) oval, conventionalized flower. . . . . GILLVM . . .  
PVLLIN . . : (2) round, animal. +S. GILLVM ROGERII MVSS-  
TAIL.

No early endorsement.

## 103

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 26. Grant by Philip of Kyme to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of the bovate in Torrington which Helewisa daughter of Hiata gave him in pledge for ten pounds of silver, together with the ten pounds themselves, reserving to Roger Musteil the forensic service from the land. (Henry II.)**

. Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Philippus de Kȳma . salutem .  
Notum sit uobis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac carta mea confirmasse sanctimonialibus Bulinton . 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis illam bouatam terre quam Helewisa filia Hate mihi inuadiauit in territorio Tirintone cum omnibus pertinentiis suis pro decem libris argenti quas predictae Helewisa dedi . tenendam de me 7 de heredibus meis libere 7 quiete saluo forinseco seruitio quod sanctimoniales facient Rogero Musteila . uel heredibus suis Predictas uero decem libras predictis sanctimonialibus recipiendas quiete de me 7 de omnibus meis concessi . 7 prefatam terram quiete tenendam quousque predicta Helewisa uel heredes eius predictas decem libras sepredictis monialibus persoluerit . Et ego 7 heredes mei hanc terram eis contra omnes homines warantizabimus . Testibus . Sȳmone filio meo 7 herede . Willelmo 7 Philippo filiis meis Sȳmone filio Symonis . Gregorio de Beningwrda . Ricardo decano de Tirinton . Roberto de Wilegebi . Waltero de Alforda . 7 multis aliis.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : Carta Philippi de Kima . de tra Helewis . (circa 1200).

<sup>1</sup> MS. *ps'seruitio*.



**Cott. Chart. xxvii. 199.** Grant by William Mustel to Bullington priory of the bovate in Torrington which Helewisa daughter of Ate held of his fee. (Late twelfth century.)

Cunctis Christi fidelibus . qui presentem cartam uiderint . uel audierint . Willelmus Mustela de Tiringtona . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse . 7 presenti carta confirmasse . 7 quietum clamasse deo 7 beate Marie . 7 conuentui sanctimonialium de Bulingtona . 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis . in perpetuam elemosinam . illam bouatam terre 7 pratum 7 pasturam . que Helewisa filia Áte tenuit de feudo meo in territorio de Tiringtona . libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruicio 7 exactione . quantum ad me 7 ad heredes meos pertinet . faciendo mihi . 7 heredibus meis post me . forinsecum seruicium . quantum ad illam bouatam pertinet . Ego uero 7 heredes mei post me warantizabimus eis hec omnia predicta . contra omnes homines inperpetuum . His testibus . Roberto capellano de Tiringtona . Willelmo capellano de Wraggebi . Sýmone de Kima . Philippo filio eius . Petro de Bekeringa . Hugone de Suabi . Sýmone de Martuna . Galfrido Mustela . Thoma fratre eius . Willelmo Bretun . Willelmo clerico .

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : Carta Willelmi Mustela de Tiringtona . de terra Helewise . (circa 1200).

**Cott. Chart. xxvii. 197.** Promise by William Mustel that he will warrant to the nuns and brethren of Bullington all the tithes of the vill of Torrington, except such tithes from his 'culturae' as the monks of Angers have in wheat, beans, and peas. (Late twelfth century.)

Cunctis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens carta peruenerit . Willelmus Mustela de Tiringtona . salutem . Sciatis me pepigisse in fide 7 ueritate . 7 presenti carta confirmasse monialibus de Bulingtona 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis . quod ego warantizabo eis omnes decimas uille de Tiringtona . integre 7 plenarie de omnibus rebus minutis 7 maioribus . unde de[cime] prouenire debent . de feudo meo exceptis duabus garbis de carrucis meis . de culturis quas ego proprio cultu 7 sumptu excoluero . quas monachi de Angers habent solummodo de blado . 7 fabris . 7 pisis . 7 de nulla alia re . Hec omnia spopondi warantizare matrici ecclesie mée de Tiringtona 7 predictis monialibus

de Bulingtona . sine omni ingenio 7 fraude pro posse meo . Huius rei testes sunt . Symon de Kima . Philippus filius eius . Petrus de Bekinga . Thomas le ostricer . Philippus de Kele . Johannes Burdet . Willelmus Bretun.

Seal: ornate lys. + SIGILLVM WILELMI MVSTEL.

Endorsed: Carta Willelmi Mustela de decimis . de Tirigtona (circa 1200).

## 106

**Cott. Chart. xxvii. 196. Grant by William Mustel to Bullington priory of fifteen acres of arable in Torrington. (Late twelfth century.)**

Cunctis Christi fidelibus . qui presentem cartam uiderint . uel audierint . Willelmus Mustela de Tiringtona salutem . Sciatis me dedisse . 7 presenti carta concessisse 7 confirmasse de assensu heredum meorum . deo 7 beate Marie . 7 conuentui sanctimonialium de Bulingtona . 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis . quindecim acras terre arabilis in territorio de Tiringtona in Osegoteholm super Estlanges . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruicio 7 exactione . sicut aliqua elemosina liberius 7 quietius religiosis dari potest . Hec uero terra non est de tercia parte terre mée . que uxorem meam Emme de dote contingit . sed de aliis duabus partibus . que me 7 heredes meos contingunt . Hanc uero terram dedi eis . 7 confirmaui in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . 7 ego 7 heredes mei post me warantizabimus 7 adquietabimus erga regem . 7 dominos . 7 omnes homines de omnibus rebus inperpetuum . Huius rei testes sunt . magister Willelmus de Monte . magister Ricardus de Kima . magister Walterus blundo (*sic*) . canonicis (*sic*) Lincolniensis ecclesie . magister Henricus . 7 Ricardus de Sancto Petro . Petrus de Bekinga . Johannes Burdeth . Galfridus Mustela . Thomas frater eius . Willelmus Bretun.

Seal as in No. 105.

Endorsed: Carta Willelmi Mustela de .xv. acris terre . in Tiringtona . (circa 1200).

## 107

**Cott. Chart. xxvii. 202. Grant by William Musteil to the nuns and brethren of Bullington that they may sow each year their 'cultura' upon Stainholm in the fields of Torrington. (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus uisuris uel auditoris<sup>1</sup> . litteras istas Willelmus Musteil filius Rogeri Musteil salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me pro

<sup>1</sup> MS. *audiris*.

anima patris mei & matris mée & omnium antecessorum meorum concessisse & presenti carta mea confirmasse deo & beate Marie & sanctimonialibus de Bulingtun & fratribus earum clericis & laicis ut ipsi omni anno quodocunque uoluerint seminent totam culturam suam super Stainholm in teritorio de Tirintun sine omni impedimento mei uel heredum meorum uel hominum meorum . Ego uero & heredes mei warantizabimus & acquietabimus hanc predictam confirmationem 7 concessionem prefatis monialibus erga omnes homines in perpetuum . Et ut hec concessio rata sit & stabilis inperpetuum eandem sigilli mei munimine & fidei mei interpositione corroborauim . His testibus . Galfrido Musteil . Petro de Beckeringe . & Willelmo filio eius . Toma Musteil . Willelmo Bretun . Alano carpentario . Willelmo Pu[m]fol . Radulfo de Germuntorp.

Seal as in No. 105.

Endorsed : Carta . W. Mustele de Innam super Steinhholm . (circa 1200).

## 108

**Cott. Chart. xii. 4. Confirmation by Emma Mustel, in her widowhood, to Bullington priory of the gifts of William her husband and his predecessors. (Circa 1200.)**

Omnibus uisuris . uel auditoris . cartam istam . Emma quondam uxor Willelmi Mustela . de Tirigtona salutem . Sciatis me in libera uiduitate mea concessisse . 7 quietum clamasse de me 7 heredibus meis . 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 conuentui sanctimonialium de Bulingtona . 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . quicquid Willelmus Mustela quondam uir meus 7 predecessores sui . tam in terris quam in pratis . 7 omnibus aliis . prefato conuentui concesserunt . uel dederunt . 7 cartis suis confirmauerunt . 7 ad maioris roboris testimonium . presentem cartam sigilli mei munimine . 7 fidei mée interpositione / corroborauim . Hiis testibus . Sýmone de Kýma . Philippo filio eius . Warino de Hallei . Johanne filio Gikel . Willelmo Pumfol . Galfrido Mustela . Thoma Mustela . Willelmo Bretun . Willelmo clerico.

Oval seal : symmetrical and ornate knot. + SIGILL EMME . DE MALTON.

Endorsed : Confirmatio Emme relicte . W. Mustela . in uiduitate sua . de terris . in Tirigtona (same hand).



## 109

**Harl. Chart. 45 F 48. Grant by Robert of Barkwith to Bullington priory of a selion in Torrington. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus uisuris uel auditoris cartam istam Robertus de Barworthe salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra . me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 sanctimonialibus de Bulinctona 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam unam sellionem in Routmor adiacentem proximam culture que dicitur Kirkewanc . ex australi parte de Steinholsig usque ad diuisam de Barkeworthe . Et ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 adquietabimus 7 defendemus predictam sellionem contra regem 7 omnes homines . His testibus . Petro de Bekeringe . Willelmo filio eius . Galfrido Mustel . Thoma Mustel . Alano carpentario . Willelmo Bretun.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : Carta Roberti de Barwrda . de .i. sellione in Roudmor . in Tirigtona . (circa 1200).

## 110

**Harl. Chart. 45 F 47. Grant by Robert of Barkwith to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of arable and meadow in Torrington.<sup>1</sup> (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus uisuris uel auditoris cartam istam Robertus de Barword salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 sanctimonialibus de Bulingtona . 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis tres perticatas terre arabilis in territorio de Tirigtona . super Roudmor propinquiores culture sue uersus austrum . 7 tres perticatas super Steinhholm uersus orientem . 7 totum pratum me[um] . iuxta Neudic . 7 unam acram super Roudmor . Hec omnia dedi eis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam pro animabus patris mei 7 matris mée 7 omnium antecessorum meorum libera 7 quieta ab omni seculari seruicio 7 exactione . Ego uero 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 adquietabimus 7 defendemus predictam elemosinam prefato conuentui erga regem 7 dominos 7 omnes homines inperpetuum . Hiis testibus . Petro de Bekeringe . Sýmone persona filio eius . Thoma Mustel . Thoma filio Galfridi Mustel . Willelmo Bretun Thoma filio eius . 7 multis aliis.

Seal : contorted spray of foliage. + SIGHȚ ROB . . . I DE BA . HEWRT.

Endorsed : Carta Roberti [de] Barwrda de .vi. perticatis terre . in Tirigtona (circa 1200).

<sup>1</sup> In the same hand as No. 109.

## 111

**Harl. Chart. 56 I 48.** Grant by William son of Walter of Torrington to Bullington priory of a headland in Torrington. (Circa 1200.)

Omnibus uisuris . uel audituris . cartam istam . Willelmus filius Walteri de Tirigtona . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse . 7 concessisse . 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie . 7 conuentu (*sic*) sanctimonialium de Bulingtona . 7 fratribus earum clericis 7 laicis . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . foreram meam ad Roudmór . 7 ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 adquietabimus prefato conuentui 7 contra omnes homines . predictam elemosinam . Hiis testibus . Wilhelmo Pumfol . Ga[lf]rido Mus]tela . Thoma Mustela . Willelmo Bretun . Willelmo Hasard . Eudone carpentario.

Seal : animal, but device and legend nearly obliterated.

Endorsed : Carta Willelmi filii Walteri de forera . in Roudmor in Tiringtona . (same hand).

## 112

**Harl. Chart. 47 E 15.** Grant by Ralf son of Magnus of Burgh le Marsh to the nuns of Bullington of the land in Winthorpe which he had deraigned against Aumeric de Pereres in the court of Alan of Martin by the king's writ. (Late Henry II.)<sup>1</sup>

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris . Radulfus filius Magni de Burg . salutem . Notum sit uobis me dedisse & hac carta mea confirmasse deo . & sancte Marie . & sanctimonialibus de Bulintun . & fratribus earum clericis & laicis . terram que est in teritorio de Winetorp que dicitur Tonlande . scilicet triginta acras terre cum omnibus pertinentiis & libertatibus suis . in puram & perpetuam elemosinam . quam dirationauimus aduersus Aumericum de Pereres . in curia Alani de Martuna per breue domini regis . Reddendo annuatim Alano de Martuna quinque solidos ad festum sancti Botulphi . & mihi annuatim duos solidos . pro omni seruitio & seculari exactione . quamdiu uiuero nisi uitam mutauero . Post uero decessum meum . uel uite mee mutationem . quieti erunt de me & de heredibus meis de prescriptis duobus solidis . reddendo Alano de Martuna & heredibus suis annuatim . quinque predictos solidos pro omni seruitio . & secularibus exactionibus ad terminum predictum . Hec omnia eis feci pro salute mea & Juliane uxoris mee . & pro salute anime patris mei & matris mee & omnium meorum . His testibus . Philippo de Kyme .

<sup>1</sup> In hand of the earliest charters in the Bullington series.

Henrico de Bardeneia . Hugone filio Gunwat . Henrico de Bobi . Gilleberto nepote Radulfi . Gilleberto clerico de Burg . Gilleberto filio Pagani de Haccatorn . Thoma de Haccatorn . Gilleberto Folioth & Radulfo fratre suo . Petro de Becchering . Roberto nepote Huberti.

Seal: bird. + SIGILLVM . . . . DE BVRC.

Endorsed: (1) Carta Radulfi . filii Magni . de Burc . de Tonneland . in Winetorp . (circa 1200). (2) Wynthorp (fifteenth century) and note of enrolment as in No. 7.

## 113

**Harl. Chart. 57 F 39. Grant by Agnes of Wainfleet and Reingot her son to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of Walter son of Leviat of Winthorpe. (Henry II.)**

Sciunt tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Agnes de Wein fled 7 Reingot filius meus 7 heres 7 ceteri heredes mei dedimus 7 quietum clamaumus Walterum hominem nostrum filium Willelmi filii Leviat de Winetorp monialibus de Bulintona 7 fratribus earum liberum 7 quietum de me 7 de omnibus meis in perpetuum habendum . pro decem solidis quos predictae domus moniales nobis dederunt . Et nos warantizabimus eis predictum Walterum quem dedimus eis cum omnibus catallis suis erga dominos nostros 7 omnes homines . Huius rei testes sunt . Alanus clericus de Torp . Gillebertus clericus de Wein fled . Magnus de Weitecroft . Rogerus filius Walteri . Willelmus de Wlfrikelande . Sigerus de Croft Robertus filius Roeise . Petrus de Westemeles . Magnus peregrinus.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed: Carta Agnetis de Wain fled . de Waltero filio Willelmi . (circa 1200).

## 114

**Harl. Chart. 44 A 21. Agreement between Bullington priory and Peter of Beckering that the priory, during the life of Mathew son of Gervase Peter's father-in-law, should give to Peter a mark yearly for two bovates in Waddingworth given by Philip of Kyme. (Late Henry II.)**

. . . . R A P H V M ? :<sup>1</sup>

Hec est conuentio inter conuentum de Boligtun [7 Petrum] de Becchering . quod predictus conuentus dabit ei singulis annis marcam unam argenti . his terminis . scilicet ad pascha dimidiam marcam 7 ad festum sancti Michaelis dimidiam marcam . quamdiu Matheus

<sup>1</sup> Inverted, but not indented.



socer eius filius Geruasii<sup>1</sup> uixerit . pro duabus bouatis terre in territorio de Wadigwrht quas Philippus de Kime dedit sepedicto conuentui in elemosinam de feudo Gileberti [filii Paga]ni de Actorn que ante fuerunt ipsius Mathei Defuncto uero predicto Matheo cessabit prescripta redditio ⁊ terra penitus libera remanebit conuentui á Petro ⁊ omnibus suis . His testibus Willelmo sacerdote de Rande . ⁊ Ioseph filio eius . Gileberto clerico de Autun . Willelmo milite de Autun . Waltero de Tirintun . ⁊ super omnes alios . testis est dominus Philippus de Kime . cum Simone fratre suo ⁊ omnibus fi[l]iis suis.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5677.]

Endorsed : Petri de Bechering (circa 1200)<sup>2</sup>.

## 115

**Harl. Chart. 58 B 34.** Grant by Henry son of Rannulf of Withcall to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of a toft in Withcall. (Late twelfth century.)

Cunctis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens carta peruenerit ⁊ Henricus filius Rannulfi de Withcala . salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra . me concessisse . ⁊ dedisse . ⁊ presenti carta mea confirmasse deo ⁊ beate Marie . ⁊ sanctimonialibus de Bulingtona . ⁊ fratribus earum clericis ⁊ laicis . in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam . unum toftum in Witthcala quem Walterus filius Sywat tenuit . ⁊ ego ⁊ heredes mei warantizabimus eis predictum toftum ⁊ contra omnes homines in perpetuum . Hiis testibus . Radulfo filio Ernisi . Symone de Prestuna . Roberto Beket . Roulando de Withcala . Gileberto Templar . Waltero clerico . Roberto stabulario . Willelmo Punfol . Willelmo Hasardo . Eudone carpentario.

Seal : conventionalized spray. + SIGILL HENRICI FILII RAN-  
DOF.

Endorsed : cont : Carta Henrici de uno tofto . in Witheale . (circa 1200).

<sup>1</sup> The second *i* is inserted in paler ink.

<sup>2</sup> But not the usual hand of endorsement of this date.

## II. GREENFIELD SERIES

THE Cistercian priory of Greenfield was founded before the death of Earl Rannulf II of Chester in 1153. No cartulary of this house has been preserved. The original charters which have survived from its muniments relate, with four exceptions, to villages in the extreme east of Lincolnshire—Aby, Ailby, Rigsby, Anderby, Haugh, Holton le Clay, South Thoresby, and Thoresthorpe. The four exceptions are concerned with an isolated holding in Marston, north of Grantham, which the nuns demised to Haverholme priory. The most interesting feature in the series is the group of charters relating to the lands of the house in Ailby and Rigsby, which illustrate minutely the local topography of the region immediately at the foot of the Wolds. Four charters of this series are printed in the *Monasticon*.<sup>1</sup>

### 116

**Harl. Chart. 43 G 20. Confirmation by Theobald archbishop of Canterbury to the nuns of Greenfield of the site of their house with all their possessions. (Circa 1150-1160.)**

.T. dei gratia Cantuariensis archiepiscopus . Anglorum primas . 7 Apostolice sedis legatus . uniuersis ecclesie dei fidelibus . salutem Que caritatis intuitu religiosis locis collata esse 7 in diuinos usus conuersa noscuntur : sicut diocesani episcopi sunt auctoritate roborata : ita et metropolitani perpetua stabilitate consolidanda . Inde est quod religiosis mulieribus ancillis Christi monialibus de Grenefeldā : locum ipsum in quo diuinis noscuntur mancipate obsequiis . cum omnibus possessionibus quas deo auctore in presentiarum rationabiliter noscuntur possidere . seu quascunque rationabilibus modis in futurum poterunt adquirere : perpetue possidendum confirmamus . 7 presentis scripti nostri auctoritate corroboramus . Et eas cum omnibus bonis suis in dei 7 sancte ecclesie 7 nostra protectione suscepimus . prohibentes sub anathemate ne quis in bona earum manum uiolentam extendat nec eis molestiam siue iniuriam faciat.      Valete.

Seal on strip cut from charter. [B. M. Cat. 1181.]

No early endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> V, pp. 579-82, Harl. Chart. 43 H 22, 43 H 25, 50 I 30, 50 I 31.

## 117

**Harl. Chart. 43 G 21. Confirmation by Theobald archbishop of Canterbury to Greenfield priory of the gifts of various donors. (In or before 1150.)**

.T. dei gratia *Cantuariensis* archiepiscopus . Anglie primas . universis sancte ecclesie fidelibus ad quoscunque presentes peruenerint littere ⁊ salutem . Que á uenerabilibus fratribus nostris coepiscopis canonice fieri noscuntur ⁊ ea nostre auctoritatis munimine merito confirmantur . Inde est quod iustis petitionibus sanetimonialium de Grenefelda adquiescentes ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie de Grenefelda ⁊ monialibus in eodem loco . diuino mancipatis obsequio omnes possessiones ⁊ terras siue elemosinas quas Robertus uenerabilis frater noster *Lincolniensis* episcopus eis per cartam suam confirmauit ⁊ nos quoque auctoritate qua fungimur confirmamus ⁊ presentis scripti nostri munimine corroboramus . sicut predicti episcopi carta confirmationis testatur . Que ergo in carta predicti episcopi continentur . dignum duximus propriis exprimenda nominibus . scilicet ecclesiam de Abi . ex dono Eudonis de Grenesbi cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . ⁊ duas culturas in eadem uilla . cum .xij. acris prati . ⁊ totum nemus de Croshage . Preterea ex donatione Hamfridi de Haga .xliv. acras terre . ⁊ .v. acras prati . ex dono Gisleberti de Rigesbi totam partem suam in nemore de Wolurichága . ⁊ quicquid pertinet ad dominium suum in nemore Presthage . ex donatione Rocelini filii Ricardi de Riggesbi totam terram quam habuit in Wolurichage . ex concessione Al[ani] de Mundbi totam partem suam de Wolurichage . ⁊ unam bouatam terre que pertinet ad Snauthacroft . cum communi pastura . et preterea ex donatione Willelmi filii Otuelis .xxxij. acras in campis de Toresbi . Hec quoque ⁊ alia omnia que iuste ⁊ canonice in presentiarum possident . ⁊ que futuris temporibus rationabiliter adquirere poterunt ⁊ eis similiter confirmamus prohibentes sub anathemate ne quis in bona earum manum uiolentam extendat . nec possessiones earum perturbare siue minuere contra iustitiam presumat . Valete.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed: Carta Theobaldi Cantuariensis archiepiscopi (contemporary).

## 118

**Harl. Chart. 43 H 18. Confirmation by Robert II bishop of Lincoln to Greenfield abbey of the lands in and near Aby given by Eudo of Grainsby and Ralf his son. (Circa 1150-1160.)**

R. dei gratia *Lincolniensis* episcopus omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis salutem . Religiosis desideriis assensum prebere non est im-



morandum? ut fidelis deuotio celerem sortiatur effectum . Eapropter iustis petitionibus sanctimonialium de Grenefeld adquiescentes . ecclesie sancte Marie de Grenefeld . 7 monialibus ibidem in seruitio dei degentibus . 7 in posterum futuris . cum omnibus que in presenti iuste 7 canonice possident . ecclesiam de Abi ex dono Eudonis de Greinesbi 7 Radulfi filii eius cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . et culturam de Sunewith que est inter fossatum 7 boscum 7 pratum ad caput eiusdem culture . 7 culturam de Wargthewit . totamque terram de Boland sicut pratum dividit . 7 sedecim acras prati in his locis . ad caput de Boland 7 in longitudine de Wargthewit undecim acras . ad culturam de Sunewith duas acras . ad Toftmaram tres acras . 7 boscum totum de Croxehaga . quod habuit Normannus . et Eisterlund . 7 Thedolfbarnewudam 7 decimam molendini sui de Abi confirmamus . sicut carte prenominati Eudonis . 7 Radulfi filii eius testantur? 7 sigilli nostri attestatione communimus . salua tamen in omnibus *Lincolniensis* ecclesie dignitate . Valet.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : Carta Roberti *Lincolniensis* episcopi . (contemporary).

# 119

**Harl. Chart. 43 H 19. Confirmation by Robert II bishop of Lincoln to Greenfield priory of lands given by various donors. (Circa 1150-1160.)**

R. dei gratia *Lincolniensis* episcopus . omnibus sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus? salutem . Religiosis desideriis assensum prebere non est immorandum? ut? fidelis deuotio celerem sortiatur effectum . Eapropter iustis petitionibus sanctimonialium de Grenefeld adquiescentes? ecclesie sancte Marie de Grenefeld 7 monialibus ibidem in seruitio dei degentibus 7 in posterum futuris . cum omnibus que in presenti iuste 7 canonice possident . ecclesiam de Abi . ex dono Eudonis de Grenesbi . cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . 7 duas culturas in eadem uilla . cum .xii.<sup>cim</sup> acris prati . 7 totum nemus de Croshage sicut carta ipsius Eudonis testatur? peterea (*sic*) ex donatione Hamfridi de Haga .xlv. acras terre . 7 .v. acras prati . ex dono Gisleberti de Rigesbi totam partem suam in nemore de Wlfrichage . 7 quicquid pertinet ad dominium suum . in nemore Presthagie . ex donatione Roceli filii Ricardi de Riggesbi totam terram quam habuit in Wlfrichage . ex concessione Alani de Mumbi totam partem suam de Wlfrichage . 7 unam bouatam terre que pertinet ad Snauthacroft .

cum communi pastura . et preterea . ex donatione Willelmi filii Hotuelis .xxxij. acras in campis Sthoresbi (*sic*) . confirmamus . 7 sigilli nostri attestatione communimus : sicut carte aduocatorum testantur . salua tamen in omnibus *Lincolniensis* ecclesie dignitate . Valete.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 1692.]

Endorsed : Carta Roberti *Lincolniensis* episcopi . (contemporary).

## 120

**Harl. Chart. 43 C 21. Confirmation by Henry II to Greenfield priory of the gifts of various donors. (? 1175.)**

.H. dei gratia rex Anglorum 7 dux Normannorum 7 Aquitannorum 7 comes Andegauorum . archiepiscopis . episcopis . abbatibus . comitibus . baronibus . iusticiariis . uicecomitibus . 7 omnibus ministris 7 fidelibus suis totius Anglie . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse monialibus de Grenefelda quicquid eis rationabiliter datum est in elemosinam . Scilicet ex dono Eudonis de Greinesbi 7 Radulfi filii eius fundatorum ecclesie earum locum in quo sita est ecclesia earum in honore beate Marie . 7 ediftia (*sic*) sua edificata . 7 culturam de Bolant 7 de Gwarghethweit . 7 Catecroft cum cultura iuxta boscum de Sunewith . 7 pratum quod pertinet ad Catecroft . 7 .xvi. acras prati in campis de Abi . 7 boscum de Aistrelunt . 7 ecclesiam de Abi cum pertinentiis suis . 7 decimam molendinorum de Abi . Ex dono autem Eudonis de Mumbi quicquid ipse uel pater eius habuit in Wulwrichaga . 7 ecclesiam de Cumberwurtha quantum ad ipsum pertinet scilicet tres partes eiusdem ecclesie . 7 Snouthecroft 7 unum toftum quod fuit Guebein (*sic*) 7 pasturam ad .ccc. oues in pastura ultra Hafdic<sup>1</sup> de Mumbi . Ex dono uero Willelmi filii Otuelis 7 comitis Willelmi de Mandeuilla .xxxij. acras in campis de Toresbi . 7 ex dono Anfridi de Haga ecclesiam de Haga 7 ex dono Willelmi filii Simonis Matteker 7 ex dono Gilleberti filii Herberti 7 Herberti filii eius quicquid ipsi habuerunt in Wulwrichaga 7 Prestehaga . 7 essartum iuxta Prestehaga . 7 ex dono Herberti de Alesbi 7 Gunteri nepotis eius quicquid ipsi habuerunt in Wulwrichaga . 7 ex dono Rocelini de Riggesbi 7 Jollani filii eius quicquid ipsi habuerunt in Wulwrichaga . 7 ex dono Willelmi filii Walteri unum molendinum in Welle . 7 unum toftum iuxta molendinum illud 7 stagnum eiusdem molendini . 7 ex dono Johannis merceri 7 Iuette uxoris eius unum masagium in Hundegata in ciuitate *Lincolnia* . 7 ex dono Thome de Sagio unam bouatam terre in Tadewella cum tofto 7

<sup>1</sup> Apparently corrected from *Haudic*.

prato ad eam pertinentibus . Quare uolo ⁊ firmiter precipio quod predictae moniales habeant ⁊ teneant omnia hec predicta ⁊ omnia alia que eis rationabiliter data sunt uel dabuntur cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in bosco ⁊ plano . in pratis ⁊ pasturis . in aquis ⁊ molendinis . in uiuariis ⁊ piscariis . in uis ⁊ semitis . ⁊ in omnibus aliis locis ⁊ aliis rebus ad ea pertinentibus bene . ⁊ in pace . libere . ⁊ quiete . plenarie . integre . ⁊ honorifice . cum omnibus libertatibus ⁊ liberis consuetudinibus suis sicut carte donatorum suorum testantur . Testibus . R. Wintoniensi . G. Elyensi . episcopis . Johanne decano Sarisburiensi . Willemo comite de Albemara . ⁊ Ricardo de Luci . Ricardo de Humetis constabulario . Randulfo de Glanuilla . Philippo de Chima . Willemo filio Radulfi . apud Windesoram.

Tag only for seal.

No early endorsement.

## 121

**Harl. Chart. 55 D 11. Grant by Gilbert son of Herbert of Rigsby to the nuns of Greenfield of woodland and assart near Ailby and Rigsby. (In or before 1150.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Gillebertus filius Herberti de Riggesbi salutem . Notum sit tam futuris quam presentibus me dedisse . ⁊ hac mea carta confirmasse (*sic*) deo ⁊ moniabus (*sic*) monasterii sancte dei genitricis Marie de Grenefeld in perpetuam ⁊ liberam elemosinam totam partem meam quam habui in Wlfrichág in bosco ⁊ plano ⁊ terram meam de Presthág . ⁊ sartum meum in longum ⁊ latum iuxta Presthág in occidentali parte usque ad boscum Burgefin . ⁊ in meridiana parte usque ad boscum Rocelini filii Ricardi . Hec igitur omnia cum communi mea pastura de Riggesbi predictis monialibus ⁊ earundem fratribus ego ⁊ heredes mei warrantizabimus ut puram elemosinam ⁊ liberam ab omni seculari seruitio ⁊ exactione pro salute anime mee ⁊ heredum meorum . ⁊ antecessorum meorum . His testibus . Capitulo de Suuella ⁊ Roberto de Bella aqua . Willemo pretore . Willemo dapifero.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6367.]

Endorsed : Carta Gilleberti filii Herberti de Riggesbi (contemporary).

## 122

**Harl. Chart. 55 D 12. Grant and confirmation by Herbert son of Gilbert son of Herbert of Rigsby to Greenfield priory of lands in Rigsby. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie Herbertus filius Gilleberti filii Herberti de Rigghesbia . salutem . Notum sit tam presentibus quam



futuris me concessisse 7 hac presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie . 7 monialibus de Grenefeld in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omni terreno seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione totam illam donationem terre 7 pasture quam Gillebertus pater meus dedit eis in campis de Rigghesbia scilicet quicquid habuit in Wlurikaghe in bosco 7 plano 7 terram suam de Presthaghe . 7 sartum suum in longum 7 latum iuxta Presthaghe in occidentali parte usque ad boscum Burgefin . 7 in meridiana parte usque ad boscum Roscelini filii Ricardi . cum communi pastura mea de Righesbia . Confirmo etiam eis quicquid Herbertus de Alesbia 7 Gunterus nepos eius illis dedit . Insuper accreui eisdem monialibus in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam .iiiij.<sup>or</sup> acras terre in Herieshah scilicet in sarto suo in longum iuxta diuisam de Alesbia . 7 si poterint acquirere de terra Walteri de Alesbi usque ad .iiiij.<sup>or</sup> acras presenti carta eis confirmo . Omnes has terras ego 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus eis pro salute anime mee 7 omnium parentum meorum in perpetuum . *Hus (sic)* rei testes sunt . Alanus decanus de Ormesbia . Willelmus de Uella . Robertus filius eius . Walterus frater Willelmi . Radulfus de Grenesbi . Willelmus de Sais . Simon de Clactorp . Humfridus filius Walteri . Willelmus de Hanai . Willelmus filius Mactildis . Helias monachus de Parco . Thori canonicus de Sticheswald . Ricardus de Hah . Willelmus filius Iahannis (*sic*) de Carletun . Henricus de Lissigtun . Robertus filius Hilde de Tidintun . Rumfarus de Lincolnia frater Thori canonici . Thomas clericus filius Radulfi .

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6369.]

Endorsed : Carta Herberti filii Gileberti (contemporary).

### 123

**Harl. Chart. 55 D 13. Confirmation by Jollan son of Rocelin of Rigsby to Greenfield priory of the land of his father's gift in or near Rigsby. (Henry II.)**

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Joelinus filius Rocelini de Riggesbi salutem . Noscat uniuersitas uestra me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Grenefeld 7 monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus donationem quam pater meus fecit prenominate ecclesie . uidelicet totam terram quam ipse habuit in Wlfrichehaga prout carta patris mei testatur . Uolo itaque ut prediacte moniales supradictam terram habeant 7 teneant libere 7 quiete ut puram elemosinam quam ego 7 heredes mei illis inperpetuum warrantizabimus . His testibus . Willelmo sacerdote . de Nicolai .

Toraldo sacerdote de Abí . Ricardo sacerdote . de Calosbí Radulfo de Rollestún . Alanus<sup>1</sup> clericus de Alfort . Willelmo de Cotes Willelmo clerico filio Herberti de Alesbi . Simund clerico de Abí . Adam filio Ranulfi.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed : Carta Jollani filii Roselini de Riggesbi (contemporary).

## 124

**Harl. Chart. 45 C 5. Grant by Gunter son of Angot of Ailby to Greenfield priory of land and pasture rights in Ailby and Rigsby. (Henry II.)**

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Gunterus filius Angoti de Alebi salutem . Sciat uniuersitas uestra me assensu 7 concessu domini mei Walteri . 7 consilio Matildis sponsée mée 7 aliorum amicorum meorum . pro salute anime mée . 7 patris 7 matris mée . 7 antecessorum 7 successorum meorum concessisse 7 dedisse . 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Grenefeld 7 conuentui ibidem deo seruienti . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione . quicquid ego 7 pater meus habuimus in Wlfrichaghe 7 in Prestehaghe . 7 totam terram quam habuimus inter Prestehagha 7 inter terram Gileberti de Campania . 7 tres acras terre oust in wra ex utraque parte aque ductus de Trentesihe . scilicet acram 7 dimidiam ex latere aquilonis de Trentesihe . 7 acram 7 dimidiam ex latere meridiano<sup>2</sup> . 7 totam communem pasturam meam in territorio de Alebi 7 de Rigghesbi . cum omnibus aliis aisiamentis in uis 7 semitis 7 introitibus 7 exitibus . Hec omnia superscripta 7 prenominate ego Gunterus 7 heredes mei defendemus 7 acquitabimus 7 warrantizabimus predicto conuentui prenominate ecclesie de Grenefeld contra omnes homines in perpetuum ; Isti sunt uocati in testimonium . Thori canonicus de Sticheswald . Iuo capellanus de Helhelo . Iuo capellanus de Abi . Alanus de Alforda . Walterus de Hagha clerici . Walterus 7 Willelmus filii Herberti de Alebi . Herbertus de Rigghesbi . Willelmus Strie.

Seal as in Nos. 125, 127, and 128.

Endorsed : Sigillum Gunteri de Alebi . (twelfth century).

<sup>1</sup> The compendium here is certainly that for *us*.

<sup>2</sup> Corrected from *meridiano*.

## 125

**Harl. Chart. 45 C 3. Grant by Gunter son of Angot of Ailby to Greenfield priory of land, &c., in Ailby and Rigsby. (Henry II.)**

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Gunterus filius Angoti de Alebi salutem . Sciat uniuersitas uestra me consilio 7 assensu (*sic*) 7 consensu Matildis uxoris mee 7 heredum meorum pro anima patris 7 matris mee 7 pro salute anime mee 7 omnium parentum meorum concessisse 7 dedisse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Grenefeld 7 conuentui ibidem deo famulanti . quicquid ego 7 pater meus habuimus in Wlfrichache in bosco 7 sarto 7 totam meam communem (*sic*) pasturam in territorio (*sic*) de Alebi 7 de Righesbi . cum omnibus aliis aisiamentis in uis 7 semitis 7 introitibus 7 exitibus 7 preterea quitum (*sic*) clamaui quicquid iuris dicebam me habere in .v. acris terre de Prestheche . 7 in .iiii. acris quas Waterus (*sic*) filius Herberti de Alebi . dedit predicto conuentui de Grenefeld . sicut carta sua quam inde habent testatur . 7 preterea concessi 7 dedi predicto conuentui dimidiam acram terre iuxta Presthac que extenditur in longum a Herierha usque ad pratum quod uocatur Crakewhet Pro ista dimidia acra terre frater meus Wilelmus (*sic*) Strihe dedit mihi escambium . Hec omnia superscripta 7 prenomina in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam de omni seculari<sup>1</sup> seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione de me 7 heredibus meis . concessi 7 dedi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui predicto conuentui de Grenefeld . Hanc concessionem 7 donationem ego 7 sponsa mea 7 heredes mei predicto conuentui fide interposita contra omnes homines in perpetuum defendemus 7 acquietabimus 7 warantizabimus Isti sunt uocati in testimonium Thori magister de Grenefeld . Iuo sacerdos de Carletona . Ricardus de Haga Walterus de Alebi filius Herberti . 7 Welmus (*sic*) frater eius.

Seal : fish. + SIGILL GVNTER DE ALLBI.

Endorsed : Gunteri de Alebi (twelfth century).

## 126

**Harl. Chart. 45 C 2. Grant by Gunter of Ailby to Greenfield priory of half an acre in Ailby. (Henry II.)**

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Gunterus de Haleby assensu 7 consensu Walteri de Halebi domini mei 7 filiorum meorum 7 heredum 7 aliorum amicorum meorum concessi 7 dedi deo 7 ecclesie sancte Mariee (*sic*) de Grenefeld 7 conuentui ibidem deo famulanti pro salute anime mee 7 pro anima sponse mee Matildis 7 aliorum amicorum meorum unam sellionem silicet (*sic*) dimidiam acram

<sup>1</sup> Corrected from *seculari*.



terre in territorio de Halebi que iacet inter culturam ipsius conuentus  
 7 meam terram 7 que extenditur in longitudine a cultura ipsius  
 conuentus usque ad pratum quod uocatur Cracheweitt 7 si plus  
 habeatur totum predicto conuentui remanebit in puram 7 perpetuam  
 helemosinam liberam 7 quitam (*sic*) ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consue-  
 tudine 7 exaccione de me 7 heredibus meis 7 omnibus hominibus Hanc  
 uero concessionem 7 donacionem ego Gunterus 7 filii mei manu-  
 tenendam 7 defendendam 7 warantizandam in manu Iuuonis sacerdotis  
 de Carletun inperpetuum contra omnes homines affidaui. His  
 testibus Alano clerico de Alford Waltero de Alebi Willelmo fratre  
 eius Ricardo filio Humfridi de Alford<sup>1</sup> Alano de Ambi Roberto de  
 Rigesbi.

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No early endorsement, some almost illegible writing, apparently circa  
 1500.

## 127

**Harl. Chart. 45 C 1. Grant by Gunter of Ailby to Greenfield  
 priory of land in Ailby. (Henry II.)**

Sciant omnes filii sancte matris ecclesie tam presentes quam futuri  
 quod ego Gunterus de Alebi assensu 7 consensu filiorum meorum 7  
 heredum 7 aliorum amicorum meorum concessi 7 dedi 7 hac presenti  
 carta mea confirmaui deo & ecclesie sancte Marie de Grenefeld 7  
 conuentui ibidem deo seruienti totam terram meam iuxta Trente sic  
 in parte aquilonis scilicet unam acram 7 dimidiam in puram 7 per-  
 petuam elemosinam . liberam . 7 quitam (*sic*) ab omni seculari seruicio  
 7 consuetudine 7 exactione de me 7 heredibus meis 7 de omnibus  
 hominibus . 7 hoc feci pro salute anime mee 7 patris 7 matris mee  
 7 ante cessorum (*sic*) 7 successorum meorum . Hanc uero concessionem 7  
 donationem ego Gunterus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 defendemus  
 7 aquitabimus (*sic*) predicto conuentui contra omnes homines inper-  
 petuum tam fide mea quam fide filiorum meorum interposita . Isti sunt  
 uocati in testimonium . Willelmus sacerdos de Maringa . Willelmus  
 de Mumbi . Simon pincerna . Willelmus de Alebi . Alanus de Rigesbi .  
 Philippus de Thoresbi . Benedictus 7 Walterus de Alebi . Ricardus  
 de [Torn]tun . Alanus 7 Ranulfus de Andrebi . Alanus de Castr .  
 Ricardus de Kirchetun . Reginaldus de Norfolc . Radulfus de Amford.<sup>2</sup>

Seal : fish. . . . GVNTER DE ALLBI.

No early endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> The letters *de Alfo* are written on the seal-tag.

<sup>2</sup> The first witnesses' names are written in a smaller and compressed hand as  
 if the writer were doubtful whether he had room for the series.

## 128

**Harl. Chart. 45 C 4. Grant by Gunter of Ailby to Greenfield priory of land in Ailby. (Henry II.)**

Sciant omnes filii sancte matris ecclesie tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Gunterus de Alebi assensu 7 consensu domini mei Walteri . 7 Simonis 7 Henrici filiorum meorum . 7 Hyñgeleis sponse mee . concessi 7 dedi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo 7 ecclesie (*sic*) beate Marie de Grenefeld 7 conuentui ibidem deo seruienti totam meam terram que iacet inter culturam ipsius conuentus in loco qui uocatur Prestehage 7 inter terram Gilberti de Champanie in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quitam (*sic*) ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 exaccione de me 7 heredibus meis 7 omnibus hominibus . 7 hoc feci pro salute anime mee 7 patris 7 matris mee . 7 antecessorum 7 successorum meorum . Hanc uero concessionem 7 donacionem ego Gunterus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 defendemus 7 acquitabimus (*sic*) predicto conuentui contra omnes homines in perpetuum . Isti sunt uocati in testimonium . Willelmus de Mumbi . Willelmus de Chetelesbi . Walterus de Alebi . Willelmus frater eius . Rogerus clericus de Aschebi . Eudo filius Radulfi de Mumbi . Gilbertus Chide . Walterus filius Aliz uidue.

Seal as in No. 125.

Endorsed : Carta Gunteri de Alebi . (? thirteenth century).

## 129

**Harl. Chart. 45 C 7. Grant by Henry son of Gunter of Ailby to Greenfield priory of half an acre in Ailby. (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Henricus filius Gunteri de Alebi salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie beate Marie de Grenefeld 7 conuentui ibidem deo seruienti dimidiam acram terre in territorio de Alebi in loco qui uocatur Rucholm . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quitam (*sic*) ab omni seculari seruitio 7 exactione ad terram pertinente . Et hoc feci pro salute anime mee 7 uxoris mee 7 antecessorum 7 successorum meorum . Et ego Henricus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predictam terram predicto conuentui contra omnes homines in perpetuum . His testibus . Yüone capellano de Helgelo . Willelmo capellano de Abi . Willelmo de Greinesbi . Radulfo fratre eius . Turstino de Suabi . Yüone testard .

Willelmo fratre eius . Willelmo de Nordfole . Ricardo machun .  
Alano Makolf . Willelmo de Alebi.

Oval seal as in No. 130.

No early endorsement.

## 130

**Harl. Chart. 45 C 6. Grant and confirmation by Henry son of Gunter of Ailby to Greenfield priory of land in Ailby and Rigsby. (Late twelfth century.)**

Sciant omnes filii sancte matris ecclesie tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Henricus filius Gunteri de Alebi assensu 7 consensu domini mei Gilberti 7 consilio Matildis sponse mée 7 aliorum amicorum meorum . concessi 7 dedi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo 7 ecclesie beate Marie de Grenefeld 7 conuentui ibidem deo seruienti in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quitam (*sic*) ab omni terreno seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 exaccione totam illam donacionem terre 7 pasture quam Gunterus pater meus dedit eis in campis de Alebi 7 de Riggesbi . scilicet quicquid habuit in Wlfrichehaghe . 7 totam terram quam habuit in Prestehaghe 7 inter culturam predicti conuentus de Prestehage 7 terram Gilberti de Campania . 7 totam terram quam habuit iuxta Trente sihc in parte aquilonis sicut fossatum diuidit . 7 totam meam communem pasturam in territorio de Alebi 7 de Riggesbi . cum omnibus aliis aisiamentis in uiiis 7 semitis 7 introitibus 7 exitibus . sicut carte patris mei quas inde habent testantur . Insuper accreui eidem con[uentui in] puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam unam acram terre in loco qui uocatur Crakehweit furlanges . 7 extenditur in longum a cultura ipsius conuentus de Heriereshaghe usque ad pratum quod uocatur Crakehweit . inter terram Gilberti Kide 7 terram Walteri quam tenent de feudo domini Gilberti de Riggesbi . 7 hoc feci pro salute anime mée . 7 patris 7 matris mée . 7 antecessorum 7 successorum meorum . Hec omnia super scripta 7 prenomina ego Henricus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 defendemus 7 acquitabimus (*sic*) predicto conuentui contra omnes homines inperpetuum . Isti sunt uocati in testimonium . Iuo capellanus de Helhelo . Johannes capellanus de Abi . Radulfus clericus de Sumerhebi . Willelmus . 7 Ricardus . 7 Benedictus . 7 Walterus . de Alebi . Baldewinus pelliarius . Nigellus de Tornetun . Willelmus 7 Ranulfus de Andrebi . Bartolomeus 7 Alanus de Toresbi . Martinus de Besebi . Gilbertus de Campania . Willelmus de Tornetun.

Oval seal : lys. + SIGILLVM HENRI DE A . . BI.

Endorsed : Sigillum Henrici de Alebi . (twelfth century). Later illegible endorsement.



## 131

**Harl. Chart. 45 B 38. Grant by Herbert of Ailby to the nuns of Greenfield of wood, marsh, and assart in Ailby. (Early Henry II.)**

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Herbertus de Alabi salutem .  
 Sciat uniuersitas uestra me consilio & consensu heredum meorum pro  
 anima patris 7 matris meę 7 pro salute anime mee 7 heredum meorum  
 dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sanctimonialibus de Grene-  
 field in perpetuam 7 puram elemosinam boscum meum quod iacet  
 inter fossatum eiusdem abacie (*sic*) 7 Crachatuáit cum marisco (*sic*)  
 quod adiacet predicto bosco a latere occidentali . & in parte meridiana  
 usque Turfinará . & in orientali parte per metas in circuitu usque ad  
 uiam aput Salabi ab abbacia porrectam (*sic*) . Viam etiam .iii. perticas  
 latitudinis habentem sanctimonialibus omnibusque suis per medium  
 boscum meum usque Tocchecrof similiter dedi 7 presenti carta con-  
 firmaui . 7 sartum iuxta Archelcrof cum bosco in capite eiusdem sarti  
 7 donationem quam fecit Gunterus nepos meus predictis sancti-  
 monialibus uidelicet boscum suum cum sarto iuxta campos de Salabi  
 7 totum quod habui in Wlfrichaga . Uolo itaque ut prenominate  
 sanctimoniales 7 earundem fratres hec omnia superdicta habeant 7  
 teneant libere 7 quiete in perpetuam 7 puram elemosinam & liberam  
 ab omni seculari seruicio & exactione quam ego & heredes mei illis  
 warantizabimus . <sup>1</sup> His testibus . Rogero sacerdote . de Alford . Wil-  
 lelmo sacerdote Ragán . Toraldo sacerdote de Abí . Simone clerico  
 de Abí . Alano clerico de Alford Roberto milite de Saltorp . Simone  
 clerico de Dalbí . Roberto filio Martini . Anfredo de Hága . Willelmo  
 de Wella . Hugone de Wilegbí . Magistro Willelmo de Welle.

Part of seal : green wax, bird with outstretched wings. + SIGILLV  
 . . . . . ALABI.

Endorsed : Herberti . . . . . (? contemporary).

## 132

**Harl. Chart. 45 B 39. A variant form of the preceding charter. (Early Henry II.)**

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Herbertus de Alabi salutem .  
 Sciat uniuersitas uestra me consilio 7 consensu heredum meorum pro  
 anima patris 7 matris meę . 7 pro salute anime meę . 7 heredum meorum  
 dedisse . 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sanctimonialibus de Grene-  
 field in perpetuam 7 puram elemosinam boscum meum quod interiacet  
 fossatum de abacia (*sic*) 7 Crachatuáit cum mára que adiacet predicto

<sup>1</sup> From this point in lighter ink.

bosco a latere occidentali . 7 in parte meridiana usque Turfmára . 7 in orientali parte per metas dispositas usque ad uiam apud Salabí ab abbacia porrectam . Viam ætiam .iij. perticas latitudinis habentem sanctimonialibus omnibusque suis per medium boscum meum usque Tocchecrof similiter dedi 7 presenti carta confirmaui 7 boscum cum sarto iuxta Archelcroft 7 donationem quam fecit Gunterus nepos meus predictis sanctimonialibus videlicet boscellum 7 sartum iuxta campos de Salabí 7 totam partem meam in Wlfriahága . Uolo itaque ut prenominate sanctimoniales 7 earundem fratres hec omnia supradicta habeant 7 teneant libere 7 quiete inperpetuum ut puram elemosinam 7 liberam ab omni seculari seruicio 7 exactione . quam ego 7 heredes mei illis warantizabimus . His testibus . Rogero sacerdote de Alforda . Willelmo Ragán sacerdote . Toraldo sacerdote . Simone clerico de Ábí . Alano clerico de Alforda . Roberto de Salttórþ . Simone clerico de Dalbí . Roberto filio Martini . Anfredo de Hága . Willelmo de Wella ; Hugone de Wilgebí . Magistro Willelmo de Wella <sup>1</sup>

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : Carta Herberti de . . . (contemporary), and remains of a late note.

## 133

**Harl. Chart. 45 B 41. Grant by Walter son of Herbert of Ailby to Greenfield priory of land in Ailby. (Late Henry II.)**

Notum sit omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris . quod ego Walterus filius Herberti de Alebi assensu & consensu Beatricis sponse mee & consilio amicorum meorum concessi & dedi & hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo & ecclesie beate Marie de Grenefeld . & conuentui ibidem deo seruienti totam meam terram que iacet inter culturam que uocatur Bolandwang . & inter Deruuen hil in latitudine . & a curia eiusdem conuentus usque ad fossatum de Crachehweit in longitudine per metas inter Derwen hil & fossatum de Crachehweit . in bosco & plano & prato & pastura & turfinare ad fossandum siue arandum uel quicquid eis inde placuerit faciendum in puram & perpetuam elemosinam liberam & quitam (*sic*) ab omni seculari seruicio & consuetudine & exactione de me & heredibus meis & omnibus hominibus . & communem (*sic*) pasturam meam in territorio (*sic*) de Alebi & de Rigesbi . & hoc feci pro salute anime mee patris matrisque mee & antecessorum & successorum meorum . Hanc uero predictam concessionem & donacionem ego & heredes mei predicto

<sup>1</sup> A compendium runs through the //, with no evident purpose.

conuentui warantizabimus & aquietabimus & defendemus contra omnes homines inperpetuum . His testibus . Willelmo fratre ipsius Walteri . Alano filio Hemeri . Alano Lilli de Bilesbi . Ricardo filio Baldrici de Oxchumb . Alano Coitel . Willelmo filio Godefridi frabri (*sic*) de Rigesbi . Haelmero & Petro & Sýmone & Herberto de Clactroþp (*sic*).

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : Carta Walteri de Alebi . (? thirteenth century).

## 134

**Harl. Chart. 45 B 42. Grant by William son of Herbert of Ailby to Greenfield priory of land in Ailby. (Late twelfth century.)**

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Willelmus filius Herberti de Alebi salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie beate Marie de Grenefeld 7 conuentui ibidem deo seruienti uiginti 7 unam percatam (*sic*) terre in longitudine 7 decem 7 nouem in latitudine in territorio de Alebi iuxta Trentesihe ex parte meridiana inter Ruhcholt 7 culturam eiusdem conuentus ad sartandum 7 arandum uel quicquid eis inde placuerit faciendum in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quitam (*sic*) ab omni seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione . 7 hoc feci pro salute anime mee 7 antecessorum 7 successorum meorum . Hanc uero predictam concessionem 7 donationem ego Willelmus 7 heredes mei predicto conuentui warantizabimus 7 aquietabimus (*sic*) 7 defendemus contra omnes homines in perpetuum . His testibus . Iuone de Helhelo . Eudone de Salebi . Willelmo de Maringa . presbiteris . Johanne 7 Joce de Titington . Guntero de Alebi . Turstano de Suabi . Willelmo de Binnebroc . Willelmo de Helhelo . Alano de Castr.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : Willelmi filii Herberti (twelfth century), and a later note.

## 135

**Harl. Chart. 45 B 43. Grant by William son of Herbert of Ailby to Greenfield priory of half an acre and half a rood in Ailby. (Late twelfth century.)**

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Willelmus filius Herberti de Alebi assensu 7 concessu Aliz sponse mee 7 heredum meorum concessi 7 dedi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo 7 ecclesie



sancte Marie de Grenefeld 7 conuentui ibidem deo seruienti dimidiam acram 7 dimidiam percatam terre que iacet inter terram Gilberti de Champanihe 7 terram Gilberti Chide in territorio de Alebi 7 extenditur á uia que uocatur Milnegate usque ad culturam Iolani de Neuile in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 exaccione de me 7 heredibus meis 7 omnibus hominibus . 7 hoc feci pro salute anime mee 7 sponse mee Aliz . 7 patris mei 7 matris mee . 7 antecessorum 7 successorum meorum . Hanc uero predictam concessionem 7 donationem ego Willelmus 7 heredes mei predicto conuentui warantizabimus 7 aquitabimus (*sic*) 7 defendemus contra omnes homines inperpetuum . His testibus . Eudone sacerdote de Salebi . Willelmo sacerdote de Abi . Martino persona de Besebi . Turstino de Suabi . Waltero<sup>1</sup> de Thopeholm . Waltero de Stepinge . Alano de Castr . Willelmo de Binnebroc<sup>2</sup> . Willelmo de Thornetun<sup>2</sup> . Willelmo de Helhelo .

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : Willelmi filii Herberti (? contemporary), and later note.

### 136

**Harl. Chart. 47 I 34. Grant by Gilbert de Campania to Greenfield priory of one acre in Ailby. (Late Henry II.)**

Notum sit omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris . quod ego Gilbertus de Champanhie assensu 7 concessu Willelmi domini mei 7 Aliz sponse mée 7 heredum meorum . 7 consilio aliorum amicorum meorum . concessi 7 dedi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo 7 ecclesie beate Marie de Grenefeld 7 conuentui ibidem deo seruienti unam acram terre in territorio de Alebi inter culturam ipsius conuentus que uocatur Prestehag 7 inter terram Agnetis de Alfordia quam Gilbertus Chide tenet . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quitam (*sic*) ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione . de me 7 heredibus meis 7 omnibus hominibus . 7 hoc feci pro salute anime mée 7 anime Gilberti filii mei . 7 antecessorum 7 successorum meorum . Hanc uero predictam concessionem 7 donationem ego Gilbertus 7 heredes mei predicto conuentui warantizabimus 7 aquitabimus 7 defendemus contra omnes homines inperpetuum . His testibus . Willelmo de Alebi . Eudonoe (*sic*) sacerdote de Salebi . Sýmone . 7 Radulfo capellanis domini de Salebi . Thoma de Salebi . Alano de<sup>3</sup> Thouhebi . Guntero 7

<sup>1</sup> Something deleted here.

<sup>2</sup> These names are divided by the seal tag.

<sup>3</sup> de an insertion.

Henrico filio eius de Alebi . Turstano de Suabi . Alano filio Willelmi coci 7 Ricardo preposito 7 Sýmone carpuntario de Abi . Ranulfo 7 Willelmo de Andrebi.

Oval seal: device developed from an ornate lys. + SIGILLVM GILEBRTI CAMPAN.

Endorsed: Carta Gilberti de Campania (thirteenth century).

## 137

**Harl. Chart. 54 B 23.** Grant by Jollan de Novilla to Greenfield priory of lands in or near Ailby.<sup>1</sup> (Late twelfth century.)

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris Joelinus de Nouilla salutem; Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me consilio 7 ascensu (*sic*) 7 concensu heredis mei 7 amicorum meorum concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac presenti mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Grenefeld 7 conuentui ibidem deo famulanti in escambium .v. acras terre excepta una percata in sarto Willelmi filii Herberti quod uocatur Drihil propinquoires domui abbacie que iacent inter fossatum de Calesbi 7 magnam uiam que extenditur ab abbacia usque ad Vulfrichag 7 iacet inter Derewenhil 7 predictum sartum 7 totam illam terram quam Willelmus filius Herberti dedit eis pro eodem escambio scilicet illam terram que iacet inter terram Walteri fratris predicti Willelmi 7 fossatum de Derewenhil pro tota illa terra que iacet inter fossatum 7 Wirker scilicet illud fossatum quod incipit a diuisa de Thorestorp 7 extenditur in longitudinem usque Trente sic . Hanc donacionem 7 concessionem pro predicto escambio in perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam de heredibus meis ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 exaccione ego 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus 7 defendemus 7 aquietabimus inperpetuum contra omnes homines . His testibus . magistro Thori de Grenefeld . fratre Willelmo de Grenesbi . fratre Radulfo . fratre Martino . Juliano sacerdote de Rigesbi . Henrico filio Radulfi . Ricardo de Haga . Ricardo filio Rocelini . Alano mareschal . Alano filio Delis . Reginaldo filio Elis Herberto . Willelmo filio Herberti . Rogero filio Vmfrei

Oval seal: lion, erect. + SIGILL . IOLLANI DE NEVILE.

Endorsed: Jolani . de Nouilla (probably contemporary).

<sup>1</sup> This charter was folded before it was dry.

## 138

**Harl. Chart. 46 A 30 b. Grant by Alan of Mumby to Greenfield priory of a bovate in Anderby. (Circa 1200.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis. Alanus de Mumbi salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac presenti karta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Grenefeld 7 conuentui ibidem deo seruienti unam bouatam terre in Handerbi . illam scilicet bouatam terre quam Walterus filius Merven tenuit . cum thofto & crofto 7 cum Prudacher 7 omnibus pertinentiis infra willam 7 extra . in pratis 7 pasturis in uiis in semitis in introitibus 7 exitibus 7 in omnibus aliis haisiamendis ad bouatam pertinentibus pro salute anime mée 7 pro anima Eudonis patris mei . 7 pro anima matris mée Amicie . 7 pro salute antecessorum 7 successorum (*sic*) meorum in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione . Hanc uero donationem ego Alanus 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus predicto conuentui contra omnes homines imperpetuum . Hiis testibus . Willelmo decano de Hoghestorp . Baldrico capellano de Mumbi . Waltero<sup>1</sup> capellano de Mumbi . Roberto persona de Mumbi . Willelmo de Mumbi . Johanne de Sproxtun . Rogero fratre eius . Ricardo Burdeth . Roberto de Thurs . Herberto clerico . Roberto persona de Handerbi . Waltero<sup>1</sup> Scriptore .

Seal : lys. + SIGILL · ALANI · DE MVMBI ·

Counterseal : impression of gem. SIGILLVM SECRETI.

Endorsed : Alani de Mumbi (contemporary), Carta Alani filii Eudonis (early thirteenth century), Anderby (fifteenth century), and some illegible words.

## 139

**Harl. Chart. 53 A 30. Grant by Richard of Lindsey to Greenfield priory of a rent of twelve pence. (Circa 1180-1190.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Ricardus de Lindesei salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie beate Marie de Grenefeld 7 monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus pro salute mea 7 uxoris mée 7 heredum meorum 7 antecessorum 7 successorum meorum . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam redditum duodecim denariorum . quos duodecim denarios ego Ricardus uel heredes mei de Forhingtun persoluemus annuatim predictis monialibus in natiuitate sancte Marie uirginis apud Grenefeld . 7 ego 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus eis predictum redditum inperpetuum . His testibus . Eustacio abbate Flauiaci .

<sup>1</sup> MS. *Watto*.



Willelmo decano de Hoggestorp . Roberto de Wella . Eudone de Bauent . Radulfo de Neuilla . Willelmo de Suleni . Filippo de Besebi . Radulfo clerico de Forhingtun . 7 multis aliis.

Strip for seal.

No early endorsement.

## 140

**Harl. Chart. 51 B 5. Grant by Anfrid of Haugh to Greenfield priory of the church of Haugh. (Early Henry II.)**

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Anfridus de Hága salutem . Notum sit uniuersitati uestre me consilio 7 assensu heredis mei Willelmi 7 aliorum amicorum meorum dedisse . 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie beate Marie de Grenefeld ecclesiam de Hága cum omnibus pertinenciis suis infra uillam 7 extra in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee 7 heredum meorum . Uolo itaque ut prenominate ecclesie de Grenefeld moniales 7 earundem fratres prescriptam ecclesiam habeant 7 quiete teneant quam ego 7 heredes mei illis<sup>1</sup> in perpetuum illis warrantizabimus . His testibus . Capitulo de Calswat wapentac . Ranulfo canonico de Torontona . Ranulfo sacerdote de Leccheburna . Eudone . sacerdote de Salesbi . Iuone sacerdote de Helelo Willelmo clerico de Hanai . Alano clerico de Alford . Willelmo filio Anfridi . Ricardo fratre Anfridi . Toma Burgefin . 7 multis aliis.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : Amfridi de Haga . (twelfth century).

## 141

**Harl. Chart. 51 B 4. Grant by Anfrid of Haugh, rendering himself to the service of God in Greenfield priory, of the advowson of the church of Haugh to that house. (Early Henry II.)<sup>1</sup>**

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Anfridus de Hága salutem . Notum sit uniuersitati uestre me consilio 7 assensu heredis mei 7 amicorum meorum dedisse . 7 presenti carta confirmasse aduocationem ecclesie de Hága monialibus ecclesie beate Marie de Grenefeld 7 pro salute anime mee 7 antecessorum meorum 7 heredum meorum in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . Me ipsum etiam prenominate ecclesie de Grenefeld deo in uita 7 morte seruiturum ibidem reddidi . Uolo itaque ut iamdictæ moniales aduocationem 7 donacionem pre-

<sup>1</sup> Marked for deletion. In the same hand as No. 140.

scripte ecclesie de Hága habeant 7 quiete teneant quam ego 7 heredes mei illis inperpetuum warantizabimus . His testibus . Capitulo de Calswat wapentac . Ranulf canonico de Torentona . Ranulf . sacerdote de Leccheburna . Eudone sacerdote de Salesbi . Iuone sacerdote . de Heleló . Willelmo clerico de Hanai . Alano clerico de Alford . Willelmo filio Anfridi . Ricard fratre Anfridi . Toma Burgefin . 7 multis aliis.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : de aduocacione ecclesie de Hagh . . . (fifteenth century).

## 142

**Harl. Chart. 52 A 45.** Confirmation by Richard son of Pigot of Holton to Greenfield priory of his father's gifts of a salt pan in the marsh of 'Neutun' and five acres of meadow near Holton le Clay. (Henry II.)

Sciant omnes legentes 7 audientes literas istas quod ego Richardus filius Pigoti de Hutun' concessi 7 hac mea carta confirmaui deo 7 sancte Marie 7 conuentui sanctimonialium de Grenefeld . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omni terreno seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione: illam salinam quam Pigotus pater meus dedit eis in marisco de Neutun cum omnibus pertinenciis suis 7 adiacenciis . 7 quinque acras prati in Tuafletes 7 in Westenges sicut carta patris mei quam inde habent testatur . Hanc uero prenominatam elemosinam ego Richardus 7 heredes mei defendemus 7 acquietabimus 7 warantizabimus predicto conuentui contra omnes homines inperpetuum . Huius rei testes sunt Bodin prior de Parco 7 Helyas . 7 Simon monachi . Jordanus presbiter de Luda . Thomas filius Siuat . Radulfus capellanus de Hotoft . Thomas de Humberstan . Magister Willelmus de Buruelle . Arnald de Karletona . Willata<sup>1</sup> de Driebe . Robertus . de Rigesbi . Rogerus . filius . Osbern . Uttret de Buruelle . Alanus de Thoresbi . Alanus de Alford.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6120.]

Endorsed : Carta Ricardi de Houtona (twelfth century).

<sup>1</sup> In the manuscript this word is written *Witta*, and the reading is confirmed by its recurrence twice over in the charter which follows and is written in the same hand. As the final *a* is certain in each of these three cases, the reading cannot be dismissed as a mistake for *Willelmo*, apart from the fact that the names of witnesses in these charters stand in the nominative. The reading must therefore stand for *Willata* and record the attestation of a township in each case.

## 143

**Harl. Chart. 44 D 52.** Grant by Thori the prior and the convent of Greenfield to Richard son of Pigot of Holton of the meadow mentioned in the preceding charter. (Henry II.)

C V R O G R A P H U M <sup>1</sup>

Sciant omnes legentes 7 audientes literas huius cyrographi . quod ego Thori prior de Grenefeld 7 totus conuentus eiusdem loci concessimus 7 cum sigillo nostro coroborauimus . Richardo filio Pigoti de Hutun 7 heredibus suis in feudo 7 hereditate quinque acras prati in Tuafletes . 7 in Westenges 7 quas Pigotus pater ipsius *Richardi* dedit nobis in elemosinam sicut carta ipsius Pigoti quam inde habemus testatur . Pro his quinque acris prati reddet nobis predictus . *Richardus* . 7 heredes sui annuatim .xvi. denarios ad festum sancti Michaelis apud Grenefeld . Huius rei testes sunt . prior Boýðin de Parco . Radulfus . sacerdos . Drogo . filius . Radulfi . Rogerus Arsi . Osbern Luphel . Willata de Hutun . Thomas de Humberstan . Reuel de Teteneia . Stephanus . de Beltesford . Willata de Driebi . Robertus . de Rigesbi . Gilebertus de Hutun . Robertus . de Teteneia . Richardus . de Hutun . Arnald de Karletun . Simon de Humberstan .

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : Cyrographum de Houtona (late twelfth century).

In the same hand as No. 142.

## 144

**Harl. Chart. 51 D 21.** Confirmation by Richard de Haia of the gift of four bovates in Marston made by Jordan of Ashby to the nuns of Greenfield. (Before 1167.)

. Roberto dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo totique capitulo *Lincolniensis* ecclesie uniuersisque sancte dei ecclesie fidelibus Ricardus de Haia salutem . Sciatis quod concedo donationem quam fecit Jordanus de Aschebi sanctimonialibus de Grenefeld de .iiii.<sup>or</sup> bouatis terre in Merstona 7 de appendiciis que eis appendent saluo seruicio regis 7 meo . 7 hoc firmiter concedo carte mee testimonio.

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No early endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> Indented.



## 145

**Harl. Chart. 44 D 54. Demise by William the prior and the convent of Greenfield to the nuns and brethren of Haverholme of four bovates in Marston. (Henry II.)**

CYROGRAPHVM<sup>1</sup>

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Willelmus prior & custos domus de Grenefeld . 7 conuentus sanctimonialium 7 fratrum eiusdem loci salutem . Sciatis quod dimisimus sanctimonialibus de Hauersholm 7 fratribus earum quatuor bouatas terre in uilla de Merstun quas teneamus de Jordano de Aschebi cum omnibus que ad eas pertinent in toftis 7 croftis in pratis 7 pascuis . in uiiis 7 semitis . infra uillam & extra . tenendas de nobis in perpetuum pro duobus solidis & quinque denariis quos nobis persoluent annuatim in ascensione domini . Dabunt etiam quatuor solidos annuatim pro omni seruitio . duos Jordano de Aschebi & duos Waltero de Filingham . pro predicta terra . Si quis autem predictos fratres & sanctimoniales de Hauersholm de terra prenominata inquietare presumpserit . warantizabimus eis illam per omnia contra omnes homines . liberam & quietam ab omni seculari seruitio pro his solidis supradictis . scilicet<sup>2</sup> annuatim reddentibus prout carta Jordani de Aschebi testatur quam habent sanctimoniales de Hauersholm in custodia sua a nobis eis commendatam .<sup>3</sup> Testes Hugo prior de Reuesbi . Willelmus de Chaterich . Willelmus sacerdos de Lissinctona . Walterus clericus de Hahc . Toraldus clericus . Robertus clericus de Edlinctona . Willelmus filius Herberti . Gaufridus frater de Reuesbi . Herbertus de Alesbi . Arnaldus de Tornetona.

Seal. B. M. Cat. 3992.

Endorsed: Cýrographum de Hafreholm . signatum sigillo magistri Gilberti (late twelfth century).

## 146

**Harl. Chart. 44 D 53. Demise by William the prior and the convent of Greenfield to the nuns and brethren of Haverholme of the whole land of the former house in Marston namely ten bovates. (Henry II after 1160.)**

CYROGRAPHVM<sup>4</sup>

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Willelmus prior 7 custos domus de Grenefeld . 7 conuentus sanctimonialium 7 fratrum eiusdem [loci] salutem . Sciatis quod dimisimus sanctimonialibus de Hauers-

<sup>1</sup> Inverted but not indented.

<sup>2</sup> Struck through.

<sup>3</sup> From this point the character of the writing changes.

<sup>4</sup> Cut through, not indented.

holm 7 fratribus earum totam terram nostram de Merstun . videlicet decem bouatas terre cum omnibus que ad eas pertinent in toftis 7 croftis . in pratis 7 pascuis . in uiiis 7 semitis . infra uillam 7 extra . tenendas de nobis in perpetuum pro sex solidis annuis . quos persoluent nobis annuatim in ascensione domini . Ipsi uero propter quatuor bouatas prenominatæ terre . dabunt iiii.<sup>or</sup> solidos annuatim pro omni seruicio . duos Jordano de Aschebi . 7 ii.<sup>os</sup> Waltero de Filingham . Et pro [sex] bouatas que supersunt . dabunt annuatim Willelmo filio Anfridi . dimidiam marcam argenti . ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omni seruicio quod ei pertinet de eisdem sex<sup>1</sup> bouatis . Liberum autem forense seruicium harum<sup>1</sup> sex<sup>1</sup> bouatarum<sup>1</sup> acquietabunt ipsi fratres . Si quis autem eos de predicta terra inquietare presumpserit . stabimus cum eis ubiq . . . . dum ius eorum 7 nostrum in prefata terra . Pro hoc uero feodo de nobis perpet . . . habendo dederunt nobis in initio *hus (sic)* conuentionis vi. marcas argenti [Testibus] Radulfo subdecano . magistro Haimone . Rogero canonico . magistro Wigero . Jacobo filio Godrici . Godrico genero Bern . Romfaro longo . 7 Jacobo filio eius . 7 Wlrico de Sancto Petro .

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No early endorsement.

### 147

**Harl. Chart. 44 E 18. Acknowledgement by the prior and convent of Haverholme that they are bound to pay six pence yearly to the convent of Greenfield for its confirmation of six bovates of the fee of Maurice de Croun, and also bound to render half a mark yearly to William son of Amfrid on behalf of the latter house. (Circa 1200.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Prior 7 conuentus de Hauerholm salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra . quod nos tenemur soluere annuatim conuentui de Grenefeld . sex . denarios in ascensione domini . pro confirmatione quam idem conuentus nobis fecit de sex bouatis terre de feudo Mauricii de Croun in Merstona cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . Et dimidiam . marcam argenti . quam prefatus conuentus consueuit reddere Willelmo filio Amfridi : reddemus nos annuatim eidem Willelmo 7 heredibus suis infra octabas . sancti Botuffi (*sic*) . Hiis testibus . R. decano *Lincolniensis* . ecclesie . magistro Willelmo precentore . magistro Willelmo cancellario . magistro . R. subdecano . Ricardo de Kýma . magistro Waltero

<sup>1</sup> These four words are interlined.

blundo . Henrico de Hwichinton . Gerardo de Camuilla . Huberto subuicecomite . Willelmo de la Lande.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 3258.]

Endorsed : Prioris 7 conuentus de Haueresholma . (contemporary).

## 148

**Harl. Chart. 56 F 32. Grant by Henry of Strubby to Greenfield priory of forty acres of land and woodland near Saleby and Ailby. (Henry II.)**

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Henricus de Strubí salutem . Noscat uniuersitas uestra me consilio 7 concessione uxoris mee 7 heredum meorum dedisse ecclesie beate Marie de Grenefeld 7 priori 7 conuentui eiusdem ecclesie in liberam 7 puram ac perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam ab omni terreno seruitio 7 consuetudine inperpetuum possidendam . quaraginta (*sic*) acras in terra . 7 in nemore . in Ainreker . 7 Croshaga . Huius autem nemoris 7 terre unum caput incipit ad Eisterlúnd 7 tendit iuxta nemus quod dicitur Moderwde<sup>1</sup> usque ad diuisam que facta fuit quando terram 7 nemus illud dedi . Aliud uero caput incipit ad Trentesíc . 7 tendit in latitudinem uersus meridiem inprimis . 7 postea uersus orientem usque ad nemus de Salebí uidelicet Escheholt per semitam quandam que porrigitur a curia sanctimonialium in parte aquilonári usque ad supradictum nemus de Salebí scilicet ligum unam nemoris . 7 sic iuxta ipsum nemus de Salebí usque ad uiam de Salebi que est diuisa inter nemus de Salesbi 7 Alesbí . 7 in circuitu sicut est perambilat<sup>2</sup> 7 fossatum . Hanc donationem uolo ut habeant 7 teneant . ita libere 7 quiete sicut aliquam elemosinam liberius 7 quietius tenent . Et ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus eam prenominate ecclesie in perpetuum contra omnes homines . Quod si aliquid amplius quam quadraginta acre habetur infra predictas diuisas totum dedi prefate ecclesie in eandem libertatem . Huius donationis testes sunt . Rogerus sacerdos de Salebí . Toraldus sacerdos de Habí Simon clericus Strubí . Alanus clericus de Torentona . Tomas filius Willelmi de Salabí Gaufridus dapifer Philippi de Kime de Englebí . Benedictus . filius Radulfi filii Hacónis . Eustatius filius Johánnis de Maringe . Ricardus frater Anfridi de Haga . Tomas Burgefin . Walterus filius Philippi de Kime . Willelmus dispensator Tome de Salebí.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6446.]

Endorsed : Carta Henrici de Strubbi (? contemporary).

<sup>1</sup> The *r* of this word is an insertion.

<sup>2</sup> A compendium which is not wanted runs through the *l*.



## 149

**Harl. Chart. 57 G 4. Grant by Robert of Well to Greenfield priory of a rent of twelve pence to be taken from Heliot of Sloothby. (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Robertus de Welle salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie (*sic*) sancte Marie de Grenefeld 7 monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus pro salute mea 7 uxoris mee . 7 heredum meorum . 7 omnium antecessorum 7 successorum meorum in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam redditum duodecim denariorum quos duodecim denarios . Heliot . de Slohebi . persoluet predictis . monialibus in uigilia sancti Botulfi . apud Grenefeld . 7 predictum redditum warantizabimus eis ego 7 heredes mei . contra omnes homines in perpetuum . His testibus Eudone . de Bawent Radulfo de Nowille . Filippo de Besebi . Baldrico de Grendala . Willelmo Ribaud . Willelmo de Bauent . Willelmo de Asforhebi.

Tag only for seal.

No early endorsement.

## 149 a

**Harl. Chart. 50 B 15. Grant by William son of Otuer to the nuns of Greenfield priory of thirty-two acres in South Thoresby. (Before 1150.)**

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Willelmus filius Otuhari salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse & presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sanctimonialibus ecclesie beate dei genetricis Marie de Grenefeld in perpetuam 7 puram elemosinam 7 liberam ab omni seruitio temporalis 7 exactione .xxx<sup>ta</sup>.ii. acras terre pro anima patris mei 7 comitis Rannulfi<sup>1</sup> Cestrie . His testibus . Amfredo de Haga Halardo de Weres . Benedicto . sacerdote . Toraldo sacerdote . de Habí . Algero fabro . Heberto (*sic*) de Alabi . Raigot preposito . Ricard filio . Anfredi de Haga . Simundo clerico . de Habí . Simundo filio Witing . Ranulfo colier.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5985.]

Endorsed: Carta Willelmi filii Otueri (twelfth century).

<sup>1</sup> The word *comitis* is repeated here but struck through.

## 150

Harl. Chart. 52 A 13. Confirmation by earl Hugh of Chester to Greenfield priory of the land mentioned in the preceding charter. (Circa 1155.)

Roberto dei gratia Lincolliensi episcopo 7 capitulo sancte Marie Lincolliensis omnique clero sui episcopatus . Hugo comes Cestrie salutem . necnon 7 baronibus constabulariis 7 baliis ministris et famulis omnibusque suis hominibus Francis et Anglis salutem . Notum uobis facio : me ex bono corde pro dei amore 7 salute anime patris mei Randulfi comitis Cestrie 7 mée : concessisse sanctimonialibus de Grenefeldam illam terram de Thoresbi scilicet .xxx.ii. acras<sup>1</sup> . quam Willelmus filius Othuer eis in perpetuam elemosinam dedit : cum alia quam eisdem in augmento incepte elemosine daturus est . Eapropter : uolo 7 precipio . 7 mea carta confirmo . sicut pater meus concessit . 7 sua carta confirmauit : quatinus prefatis sanctimonialibus illa terra stabilis et rata permaneat . et perhenniter eam bene 7 quiete 7 libere habeant et possideant . Testibus . Matilla matre<sup>2</sup> sua . Sýmone filio Willelmi . Rogero capellano . Riccardo (*sic*) capellano . Roberto filio Hugonis de Rospesleia 7 multis aliis apud Beldforda . Valet.

Seal on strip cut from charter. [B. M. Cat. 5807.]

Traces of fifteenth century endorsement.

## 151

Harl. Chart. 52 A 14. Another form of the same confirmation. (Circa 1155.)

Roberto dei gratia Lincolnensi episcopo . 7 capitulo sancte ecclesie Lincolnensis . totique clero illius presulatus<sup>3</sup> . Hugo comes Cestrie salutem . necnon 7 constabulariis . 7 dapifero . 7 baronibus . 7 ministris . 7 famulis . 7 hominibus suis omnibus tam clericis quam laicis salutem similiter . Vos scire uolo me concessisse 7 confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Grenefeldam illam terram quam Willelmus filius Othuer eis in elemosinam perpetuam<sup>4</sup> dedit . quam etiam pater meus comes Rannulfus eis concessit carta sua confirmante Eapropter uolo 7 precipio quod prefate sanctimoniales terram illam perhenniter bene 7 [quiete 7 libere<sup>5</sup>] habeant 7 possideant . Testibus . Matilla comitissa matre mea .

<sup>1</sup> A space left here rather larger than is necessary for the usual *terre*.

<sup>2</sup> This word is covered by a contemporary blot. The correct style would be *Matilla comitissa matre mea* as in No. 151.

<sup>3</sup> An erasure of a word which may have been *salutem*.

<sup>4</sup> The second *pe* is interlined.

<sup>5</sup> As in No. 150.

Simone filio Willelmi de . . . Ricardo capellano . aliis multis . apud Beltesforda . Valet.<sup>1</sup>

No seal nor tag, but the left corner of the charter is torn away at the foot.

Endorsed : Carta Hugonis comitis Cestrie (twelfth century).

## 152

**Harl. Chart. 53 C 50.** Confirmation by earl William of Essex to Greenfield priory of twenty-four acres in Aby and South Thoresby given by William son of Otuel. (1166-1175.)

. Willelmus comes de Essex . omnibus hominibus suis Francis ⁊ Anglis . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse ⁊ hac carta mea confirmasse terram de Toresbi quam Willelmus filius Otueli auunculus meus sanctimonialibus de ecclesia de Grenefelde dedit ⁊ in pertuam (*sic*) ⁊ in liberam ab omni seculari seruicio elemosinam concessit ⁊ carta sua confirmauit. Videlicet .xxx.ii.<sup>2</sup> acras terre in campis de Abi ⁊ de Toresbi. Uolo igitur ⁊ firmiter precipio quod sanctimoniales prenominate ecclesie teneant ⁊ habeant libere ⁊ quiete prememoratam elemosinam . sicut carta Willelmi filii Otueri auunculi mei testatur . Teste . Hasculfo capellano . Simone de Bello Campo . Ricardo de Vercorolo . Geroudo filio Radulfi . Willelmo filio Ernaldi . Roberto Blundo ⁊ Johanne filio suo . Johanne de Rokelunda . Bernardo Boue . Eustacio camerario . Reimundo de Greham . Waltero dispensatore.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6201.]

Endorsed : Carta comitis Willelmi de Mandeuille (contemporary).

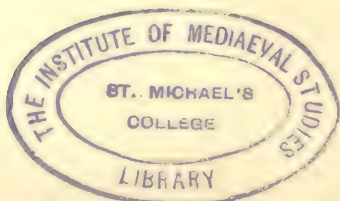
## 153

**Harl. Chart. 46 D 25.** Grant by Thomas son of Thomas of Beesby to Greenfield priory of land in Thoresthorpe. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris Thomas filius Thome de Besebi salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Grenefeld & conuentui ibidem deo seruienti .iiii.<sup>or</sup> acras terre & dimidiam in territorio de Thorestorpa in loco qui uocatur Fenwanga cum liberis introitibus et exitibus in eisdem campis de Thorestorpa et

<sup>1</sup> In a much more cursive hand than No. 150.

<sup>2</sup> Altered from xxxiii.





cum omnibus esiamētis ad predictum tenementum pertinentibus in puram & perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quitam (*sic*) de omni seculari seruitio et exactione et demanda de me et de heredibus meis et de omnibus hominibus pro salute anime mée & sponse mée Agnetis et omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum . Et sciendum quod ego Thomas et heredes mei hanc donationem meam warantizabimus predicto de Grenefeld conuentui<sup>1</sup> et ad quietabimus et defendemus contra omnes homines in perpetuum . Hiis testibus . Sýmone priore de Markebi . Eudone cappelano (*sic*) de Salebi . Hugone cappellano (*sic*) de Strubi . Roberto de Welle . Eudone de Auforda . Benedicto de Bartona . Ernisio de Thorestorpa . Baldrico de Thorestorpa . Rogero fratre eius . Goscelino de Strubi . Roberto filio eius . Ricardo le schirmissur.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : (1) Thome filii Thome de Besebi, (2) Thome filii Thome de Beseby (both probably late twelfth century).

## 154

Harl. Chart. 46 D 24. Grant by the same to the same of a 'Cultura' in Thoresthorpe. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Thomas filius Thome de Besebi salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Grenefeld 7 conuentui ibidem deo seruienti totam culturam meam que uocatur Fenwanga in territorio de Thorestorp . que extenditur á Matteker usque ad Wranghemáre inter culturam ecclesie de Salebi 7 culturam Rogeri filii Gippe . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quitam (*sic*) de omni seculari seruitio 7 exactione de me 7 de heredibus meis 7 de omnibus hominibus pro salute anime mée 7 sponse mee Agnetis 7 antecessorum 7 successorum nostrorum . 7 hanc meam donationem ego Thomas 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predicto conuentui de Grenefeld contra omnes homines in perpetuum . His testibus . Simone priore de Marchebi . Eudone capellano de Salebi . Hugone capellano de Strubbi . Roberto de Welle . Eudone de Auford . Benedicto de Bartun . Ernisio de Torestorp . Baudrico de Thorestorp . 7 Rogero fratre eius . Goscelino de Strubbi . 7 Roberto filio eius . Ricardo le schirmissur.

Seal : bird with outstretched wings. + SIGILL TOM . . DE BESEBI.

Endorsed : Thome filii Thome de Besebi (same hand as text of No. 153).

<sup>1</sup> Marks are inserted under *predicto* and *conuentui* to indicate that the latter word should precede *de*.

**Harl. Chart. 58 C 10.** Grant by William son of Simon of Woodthorpe to Greenfield priory of whatever he and his men of Thoresthorpe had in 'Mattheker'. (Henry II.)

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Willelmus filius Símonis de W̃detórp salutem . Sciāt uniuersitas uestra me consensu . 7 consilio heredum meorum 7 omnium hominum meorum de Thorestórp dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse ecclesie beate<sup>1</sup> Marie<sup>2</sup> de Grenefeld quicquid ego 7 homines mei de Thorestórp habuimus in Mátthekér in parte occidentali . á Wlfrichága usque ad aqueductum eiusdem Matthehér in lóngum 7 latum iuxta supradictum aque ductum<sup>3</sup> iuxta terram cultam de Wlfrichágá . Hæc ergo omnia predicta in Matthecher uolo ut habeant 7 libere 7 quiete teneant moniales supradicte ecclesie 7 earundem fratres in perpetuum ut puram elemosinam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruicio 7 exactione liberam quam ego 7 heredes mei inperpetuum warantizabimus . His testibus . Hugone . sacerdote . de Wierrne<sup>4</sup> . Eudone sacerdote . de Salabí . Toraldo . sacerdote de Abí . Hugone . sacerdote . de Strubbí . Willelmo . de Welle . Tóma . de Salasbí . Toma . de Bessebí . Gaufrido . de Hengelbí . Alano filio Willelmi de Wdetórp . Waltero . filio Hernís . Rogero filio Dúrandi . 7 Hernís frater eius . Gocelinus (*sic*) . de Strubbí . Baldric . de Thorestórp.<sup>5</sup>

Seal : animal. + SIGJLLVM WILAMI . . . .

Endorsed : Willelmi filii Símonis de Wdetorpa (? contemporary).

<sup>1</sup> *scē* written here but struck through.

<sup>2</sup> Interlined.

<sup>3</sup> From this point to the end the ink is black instead of brown as before.

<sup>4</sup> The second *r* is interlined.

<sup>5</sup> The sign ^ seems to be an attempt at accentuation : it is not confused with any of the compendia employed in this charter.

### III. KIRKSTEAD SERIES

THE Cistercian abbey of Kirkstead was founded in 1139 by Hugh, son of the Domesday tenant in chief Eudo son of Spirewic, upon his estate in Great Sturton. In 1187, the community removed to its permanent site upon the Witham. In the case of this house, the group of original charters in public custody can be supplemented by the evidence of a cartulary of early date and competent workmanship. The earliest portions of the Cotton MS. Vesp. E xviii are written in a hand of approximately the year 1200. The manuscript is arranged under sixteen titles, of which the first covers the documents relating to the second site of the abbey, and the last covers a number of miscellaneous cirographs, each of the remainder dealing with some definite section of the abbey property. At the end there occurs an index entitled *Superhabundantia cartarum*; these documents, unfortunately, are not transcribed. The sections from which original texts have been preserved are those grouped in the cartulary under the headings Abbazia, Gayton, Scampton, Snelland, Langwath (which includes the important Kirkby on Bain and Roughton charters), Sturton, and Scrane. Nearly all these texts are endorsed with figures corresponding to their arrangement in the cartulary, and therefore to be referred to the early part of the thirteenth century. A reference has been given in each case to the folio on which the document is entered in the cartulary, and also to the number assigned there to the charter under the title within which it is comprised. Words within brackets are introduced on the authority of this manuscript. The charters which are printed below fall into five main groups: one comprising those relating to Kirkby on Bain and Roughton to the east of the Witham; a second, to the abbey estate in Holland near Freiston (entered under Scrane in the cartulary); a third, of considerable numbers but mostly of late date, to SneHand, Swinethorpe, and Reasby, north-east of Lincoln; a fourth, to the land of the abbey in Scampton and Thorpe in the Fallows, north-west of the city; and a fifth to an outlying estate at and near Gayton le Wold, where the house received a considerable gift from the Breton earls of Richmond. Seven original charters of the Kirkstead series have already been printed, and are therefore not



repeated here.<sup>1</sup> The earliest and most important of the texts which follow<sup>2</sup> is that in which the founder of the abbey makes a re-arrangement of his demesne in Great Sturton on the ground that the parcels of his demesne lie dispersed among the lands of his men whereas the monks wish to dwell apart from other people.

## 156

**Harl. Chart. 43 C 17. Confirmation by Henry II to Kirkstead abbey of the site of the abbey, and of various lands in the wapentakes of Louth Eske, Lawress, and Langoe. (Circa 1155.)**

. H. rex Anglorum 7 dux Normannorum 7 Aquitanorum . 7 comes Andegauorum archiepiscopis . episcopis . abbatibus . comitibus . baronibus . iusticiariis . uicecomitibus . 7 omnibus fidelibus 7 amicis suis Francis 7 Anglis salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkesteda 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus sedem abbacie que uocatur Kirkesteda cum omnibus suis pertinenciis ex dono Hugonis filii Eudonis 7 Roberti filii eius sicut carte eorum eis testantur . In Lindesia .vi. carrucas terre 7 .i. bouatam . scilicet in Ludesca wapentac ex dono comitis Conani de Richemund .ii. carrucas terre 7 dimidiam de suo dominio in campis de Gaituna cum omnibus suis pertinenciis sicut carta sua eis testatur . Et in eodem wapentac ex dono Johannis filii Mengi .ii. bouatas terre in campis de Welletuna . cum omnibus suis pertinenciis sicut carta sua eis testatur . Et in Laulris wapentac ex dono Radulfi filii Gilleberti .iii. carrucas terre 7 .iii. bouatas in campis de Scamtuna cum omnibus suis pertinenciis sicut carta sua eis testatur . Et in Ketstefna .iii. carrucas terre 7 .vii. bouatis . scilicet in Langhou wapentac ex dono Walteri de Aencurt 7 heredis sui .ii. carrucas terre 7 dimidiam in Cotes de Soca Blankenie cum omnibus suis pertinenciis sicut carte eorum eis testantur . Et in eodem wapentac 7 in eadem uilla ex dono Walteri Winterhard 7 heredis sui .i. carrucatam terre cum suis pertinenciis sicut carte eorum eis testantur . Et

<sup>1</sup> Harl. 48 G 41 and 42, Harl. 44 E 55, printed by Gale, *Register of the Honour of Richmond*, pp. 103, 104, 269; Harl. 49 A 1 and Harl. 57 F 14 printed in *Facsimiles of Royal and other Charters in the British Museum*, Nos. 45 and 36; Harl. 50 E 54, a Yorkshire text, printed by Farrer, *Early Yorkshire Charters*, No. 1280; and Harl. 50 F 32, printed by Ellis, *The Topographer and Genealogist*, i. 318. On p. 319 of the latter work is printed a grant by Robert the steward and Rohais of Lincoln to Thomas son of Wigot of his father's land in Scampton, which certainly belongs to the Kirkstead series, compare No. 215 below. The Kirkstead charters in the *Monasticon* (v. 418-422) are all printed from the cartulary.

<sup>2</sup> No. 202.

in eodem wapentac ex dono Willelmi filii Iuonis .iiii. bouatas terre in campis de Timberlund cum suis pertinenciis sicut carta sua eis testatur . Has itaque terras concedo 7 confirmo eidem ecclesie de Kirkesteda in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam cum communiis 7 libertatibus quas donatorum carte ei testantur . Quare uolo 7 firmiter precipio ut eadem ecclesia teneat omnia predicta bene 7 in pace libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice de auxiliis omnibus 7 assisis . 7 geldis . 7 wapentacis . 7 hundris (*sic*) . 7 comitatibus . 7 Danegeld 7 Murdre 7 placitis 7 querelis . 7 scutagiis 7 exercitibus 7 omnibus occasionibus 7 consuetudinibus 7 omni terreno seruitio 7 seculari exactione . pro anima Henrici regis aui mei . 7 pro anima patris mei . 7 pro salute anime mee 7 imperatricis matris mee 7 pro salute regine 7 filiorum 7 fratrum meorum omniumque fidelium . Testibus . Theobaldo Cantuariensi archiepiscopo . Ricardo Lundoniensi episcopo . Waltero Cestrensi episcopo . Thoma cancellario . Nicholao de Sigillo . Reginaldo comite Cornubie . Willelmo comite de <sup>1</sup> Albamara . Warino filio Geroldi . Apud Westimonasterium.

Silk cord for seal.

Endorsed : Henricus rex sedem abbacie . & cetera .ii. (early thirteenth century).

## 157

**Harl. Chart. 52 A 34. Grant by William son of Roger of Huntingfield to Kirkstead abbey of lands near Freiston. (Early Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris : Willelmus filius Rogeri de Huntingfeld salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse deo 7 ecclesie beatę Marie de Kirkestede 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus terram que uocatur Westcothemersch quam tenuit Robertus filius Willelmi scilicet .xxv. acras . Et super hoc terram in Hareholm de meo dominio a fossatu Roberti filii Willelmi usque ad Cricam : pro viij. acris . Et in ueteri Scrainga nouem acras . 7 terram que iacet inter domos monachorum de Westcothemersch 7 fossatum Roberti filii Willelmi : ad habendam uiam . Hanc donationem feci eis presente 7 concedente Mauricio de Creun 7 per baculum istam elemosinam meam confirmante . Et hoc idem concessit Robertus filius Willelmi . 7 calumpniam quam in predictam terram habuit : dimisit 7 quietam clamauit . Et hanc donationem teneant liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruitio 7 exactione in elemosinam de me 7 heredibus meis . Huius donationis sunt testes . Gillebertus abbas de Hoilandia . 7 Johannes prior de Frestuna . 7 Gaufridus presbiter

<sup>1</sup> MS. *da*.

eiusdem uille . 7 Benedictus capellanus . Radulfus de Timberlund sacerdos . Robertus filius Philippi . Thomas Columbani . Gaufridus filius Siwardi . Robertus filius Giberti . Johannes filius Grimkilli 7 Boidin frater eius . Robertus filius Willelmi . 7 Willelmus filius Roberti . Wido de Rocha . 7 Rogerus de Sancto Botulfo . 7 Gusa de Butrewich . Toli de Alketoft . Anca de Sancto Botulfo.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : .II. [Vesp. E xviii. 179 ; Scrane II].

## 158

**Harl. Chart. 49 A 2.** Confirmation by Maurice de Creun to Kirkstead abbey of forty acres in Old Scrane and West Newland given by William son of Roger his kinsman. (Before 1158.)

Domino 7 patri R dei gratia Lincolie episcopo . 7 eius successoribus episcopis . 7 archidianonis (*sic*) totique clero *Lincolniensis* ecclesie . M. de Creun salutem . Sciatis me concessisse . 7 confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrchesteda 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuum elemosinam donationem quam Willelmus filius Rogeri cognatus meus fecit eidem ecclesie . 7 predictis monachis de .xl. acris terre in ueteri Screinga . 7 in West Neuland . infra fossatum . 7 decem acris extra fossatum . Quare uolo ut eandem terram teneant liberam 7 quietam sicut carta Willelmi filii Rogeri eis testatur . Huius concessionis testes sunt . Turstanus prior . Matheus 7 Reiner . monachi <sup>1</sup> . Baldricus . de Sigillo . Aluredus dapifer Mauricii de Creun . Wido filius <sup>2</sup> Mauricii . 7 Radulfus frater eius . Walterus filius Petri . Gaufridus de Stouenesbi . Robertus filius Roscelini . Robertus Gibert . Bodinus frater Baldrici . Herbertus clericus . Godesman de Spalding . Brihtmer cocus . Balduinus mariscallus

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : XV [Vesp. E xviii. 180 b ; Scrane XV].

## 159

**Harl. Chart. 52 A 35.** License by Roger son of William of Huntingfield to the monks of Kirkstead that they may make a mill near Johannisflet (near Freiston). (Henry II.)

Rogerus filius Willelmi de Huntingfeld omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse monachis de Kirkestede ut faciant molendinum

<sup>1</sup> MS. *m<sup>o</sup>* (apparently for *monachus*).

<sup>2</sup> MS. *fili*.



iuxta *Johannisflét* in elemosina quam habent de patre meo 7 de me ⁊  
 7 habeant illud sicut suam liberam elemosinam bene 7 in pace libere  
 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione .  
 7 habebunt aquam omnino liberam in ascensu 7 descensu sine omni  
 disturbance unde molendinum peioretur . Testibus Baldrico archi-  
 diacono *Legrecestrie* . 7 Willelmo fratre suo . Stephano filio Radulfi  
 de *Hoilandia* . Waltero de Tittun . Willelmo filio Roberti de Fenna .  
 Fulchero de Ginnai . Conano Gibert . Jerard filio archidiaconi .  
 Stephano clerico de Frantona.

Slits for seal tag.

Endorsed : (1) .XVIII. ; (2)  $\frac{1}{9}$  [Vesp. E xviii. 180 b ; Scrane XVIII].

## 160

**Harl. Chart. 51 B 44.** Grant by Turolf son of Toli of Halltoft to Kirkstead abbey of the whole land which he or his father had in Windesland. (Circa 1180.)

Turolfus filius Toli de Halketoft omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci in perpetuam elemosinam ⁊ totam terram quam ego habui uel pater meus in Windesland ⁊ ut habeant 7 teneant eam libere 7 quiete de omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione . Et hanc elemosinam ego 7 heredes mei ex toto acquietabimus eis 7 warantizabimus contra omnes homines inperpetuum . Testibus Lamberto de Spaldinga . Ragamer de Sancto Botulpho 7 Radulfo filio eius . Roberto filio Lefthain . Radulfo de Wilgebi . Radulfo diacono clerico Herberti archidiaconi *Cantuariensis* . Simone filio Turstani . Gilleberto filio Lamberti de Spaldinga.

Large seal : eight petalled flower. . . . . LDI FI . . . . .

Endorsed : (1) .XI. ; (2)  $\frac{1}{9}$  [Vesp. E xviii. 180 ; Scrane XI].

## 161

**Harl. Chart. 43 B 45.** Notification by Omnisius abbot of Begar that he has resigned into the hand of earl Conan the land in the soke of Gayton given to the abbey of Bégard for a grange by Alan count of Brittany, and that earl Conan has granted the same alms, namely two carucates and a half in Gayton and the spinney called Gayton Rahaga, to the monks of Kirkstead. (Circa 1154-1155.)

C I R O G R A P H V M <sup>1</sup>

Omnibus sanctę matris ecclesię filiis Omnisius abbas de Begár ⁊

<sup>1</sup> Inverted and indented.

salutem in Christo . Sciatis quod Alanus comes Britannię dedit in obitu suo deo ⁊ abbatie de Begar ubi corpus suum iacet . terram ad unam grangiam faciendam in soca de Gaituna in elemosinam pro salute anime sue ⁊ antecessorum suorum ⁊ sicut carta sua testatur . set quoniam hec elemosina tam longe erat de abbacia nostra quod non potuimus eam ad libitum nostrum ⁊ proficuum collaborare . dilectis autem monachis de Kyrkestede fratribus nostris erat admodum utilis ⁊ contigua . eorum precibus ⁊ fraterna caritate compulsi deposuimus in manu comitis Conani omne ius ⁊ omnem donationem ⁊ inuestituram prefate elemosine quam de manu comitis Alani recepimus . ⁊ ipse comes Conanus concessit ⁊ dedit predictis fratribus nostris de Kyrkestede eandem elemosinam in manu Radulfi cellarii qui in loco abbatis sui de Kyrkestede presens aderat in presentia nostra . nobis eandem donationem concedentibus ⁊ confirmantibus . ⁊ assignauit eis in terra sua pro eadem elemosina duas carrucas terre ⁊ dimidiam de suo dominio in territorio de Gaituna . ⁊ fructum quod appellatur Gaitunę Rahága . ⁊ hoc factum fuit coram his testibus . Roaldo constabulario . ⁊ Alano ⁊ Willelmo filiis eius . ⁊ Pichot de Lacele . Johanne filio Menghi . Gaufredo filio Moruán . Wigano filio Cade . Alano filio Gaufredi . Johanne filio Aluieti . Pepigimus etiam eis coram his ⁊ multis aliis testibus quod per operam nostram ⁊ perquisitionem sine aliquo rei familiaris sue dispendio faciemus eos habere cartam ⁊ sigillum comitis Conani ad confirmationem predictę elemosine ⁊ cum ipse illius etatis fuerit quod terram tenere potuerit ⁊ sigillum habuerit . Hoc etiam pepigimus quod si morte preuentus uel quolibet casu prepeditus fuero ut hanc conuentionem eis perficere non potuerim ⁊ apud conuentum de Begár ⁊ apud abbates qui de domo de Begar facti sunt impetrabo quod quicumque post me abbas in domo de Begar substituetur ⁊ eandem pactionem eis per omnia perficiet . ⁊ hoc pepigimus eis quod omnes has conuentiones presentabo per me ⁊ per abbates factos de abbacia de Begar primo generali capitulo Cisterciensi . ⁊ priuilegium domini pape ⁊ cartas in quibus hec elemosina confirmata est illuc nobiscum portabimus . ⁊ de eis hanc elemosinam delere faciam . ⁊ in eorum priuilegiis ⁊ cartis ascribi faciam . Et has conuentiones confirmauimus huius cyrographi subscriptione ⁊ testium annotatione . scilicet Mathei prioris de Reuesbi . ⁊ fratris Rannulfi monachi . Ricardi inclusi . Walteri capellani de Bardanei Alani cellarii de Fontibus . Radulfi cellarii de Parco . ⁊ domini abbatis Gilleberti de Hoilandia . ⁊ Simonis de Stikeswald .

Small round seal, almost illegible.

Endorsed : *Cyrographum inter nos ⁊ monachos de Begar . xxxv. Gaytona* (late thirteenth century ?). I. [Vesp. E xviii. 78 b; unnumbered].



## 162

Harl. Chart. 48 G 40. Grant by Conan duke of Brittany and earl of Richmond to Kirkstead abbey of two carucates and a half with a spinney in Gayton le Wold. (In or before 1155.)

Conanus dux Britannie ⁊ comes Richemundie omnibus suis hominibus ⁊ amicis Britannie ⁊ Anglie . ⁊ uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . tam clericis quam laicis ⁊ salutem . Notum sit uobis omnibus me concessisse ⁊ dedisse deo ⁊ abbacie de Kircasteda ⁊ monachis eiusdem loci ecclesiam de Gaituna . ⁊ duas carrucatas terre ⁊ dimidiam . de meo dominio in campis de Gaituna cum fructo quod uocatur Gaituna Rohage cum omnibus que ad has duas carrucatas ⁊ dimidiam pertinent . in toftis ⁊ croftis . in uiiis ⁊ semitis in pratis ⁊ pasturis ⁊ aquis ⁊ molendinis in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam libere ⁊ quiete ⁊ honorifice ab omni seculari seruitio ⁊ consuetudine que ad aliquem hominem uel ad terram illam pertinent pro salute mea . ⁊ pro anima patris mei comitis Alani . ⁊ pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum ⁊ omnium parentum meorum . Testibus . Guillelmo abbate sancti Melanii Redonensis . Guillelmo abbate de Filgeriis . Rollando de Dinan . Radulfo de Filgeriis . Hamone Boterel . Ricardo de Rolos . Teobaldo de Chanpels . Johanne filio Mengui . Roberto fratre comitis . Sequardo dapifero de Filgeriis . Henrico de Castellario . Henrico Bertran<sup>1</sup> . Ernaldo clerico de Richemundia . Eudone marescallo . apud Redonias.

Equestrian seal. [B. M. Cat. 5759.]

Endorsed: I [Vesp. E. xviii. 79b; Gayton I]; duplex (fifteenth century).

## 163

Harl. Chart. 43 C 25. Confirmation by Henry II to Kirkstead abbey of lands in Gayton le Wold given, with the church of that village, by earl Conan of Brittany. (? 1166.)

. H . rex Anglorum . ⁊ dux Normannorum . ⁊ Aquitanorum . ⁊ comes Andegauorum . archiepiscopis . episcopis . abbatibus . comitibus . baronibus . iusticiariis . vicecomitibus . ⁊ omnibus ministris ⁊ fidelibus suis totius Anglie . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse ⁊ presenti carta confirmasse ecclesie sancte Marie de Kerkesteda ⁊ monachis ibidem deo seruientibus duas carucatas terre ⁊ dimidiam in uilla de Gaituna quas comes Conanus eis dedit in elemosinam ⁊ cum ecclesia eiusdem uille . ⁊ illam dimidiam carucatam terre in eadem uilla quam comes Conanus retinuerat in manu sua eo tempore quo eis dederat predictas duas carucatas terre ⁊ dimidiam cum ecclesia eiusdem uille .

<sup>1</sup> The *n* is corrected from *ai*.



set postea illam dimidiam carucatam terre eis concessit de se tenendam per .xx. solidos inde annuatim reddendos sibi uel heredibus suis . Quare uolo 7 firmiter precipio quod predicti monachi hec predicta habeant 7 teneant cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in pratis 7 pasturis . in bosco 7 plano . in aquis 7 molendinis . in uiiis 7 semitis . 7 in omnibus aliis locis 7 aliis rebus ad ea pertinentibus cum omnibus libertatibus 7 liberis consuetudinibus suis . ita bene . 7 in pace . 7 libere . 7 quiete . plenarie . integre . 7 honorifice ? sicut carte comitis Conani quas inde habent testantur . Testibus . Johanne decano *Sarisburyensi* . Ricardo de *Humetis* conestabulario . Ricardo de *Canuilla* . Wilhelmo Malet dapifero . 7 Wilhelmo de *Hastingis* . apud *Guingamp* .

Great seal of Henry II. [B. M. Cat. 67.]

Endorsed : III 9 [Vesp. E xviii. 80 ; Gayton III] ; Gaytona (fifteenth century).

## 164

**Harl. Chart. 43 C 35. Confirmation by Geoffrey duke of Brittany and earl of Richmond to Kirkstead abbey of two carucates and a half in Gayton le Wold first given, with the church of that village, by earl Conan, and of half a carucate in the same place given afterwards by the same earl. (1171-1184.)**

. G. regis . H. filius . dux . *Britannie* 7 comes *Richemundie* . dapifero . constabulario . camerario suo . 7 omnibus ministris suis . 7 omnibus hominibus suis *Francis* 7 *Anglis* . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse . 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse ecclesie sancte Marie de *Kerkesteda* . 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus . duas carrucas terre 7 dimidiam . in uilla de *Gaituna* . quas comes *Conanus* eis dedit in elemosinam . cum ecclesia eiusdem uille . et illam dimidiam carrucatam terre in eadem uilla . quam comes . *Conanus* retinuerat in manu sua eo tempore . quo eis dederat predictas duas carrucas 7 dimidiam . cum ecclesia eiusdem uille . set postea illam dimidiam carrucatam terre eis concessit . de se tenendam . per . xx<sup>ti</sup> solidos inde annuatim reddendos . sibi uel heredibus suis . Quare uolo 7 firmiter precipio quod predicti monachi hec predicta . habeant . 7 teneant . de me 7 heredibus meis cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . in pratis 7 pasturis . in boscho . 7 plano . in aquis . 7 molendinis . in uiiis . 7 semitis . 7 in omnibus aliis locis . 7 aliis rebus . ad ea pertinentibus . cum omnibus libertatibus 7 liberis consuetudinibus suis . ita bene . 7 in pace . libere . 7 quiete . plenarie integre . 7 honorifice . sicut carte comitis Conani quas inde habent testantur . Teste . *Dauid de Scoce* . *Rogero Bigot* . *Hugone de Morewic* . *Hugone Bardulf* . *Alano* . *Gemello* .

Gerardo de Furniulla . Radulfo camerario . Alano de Bassigburna .  
Radulfo clerico de Hoilondia . Philippo filio Johannis . Willelmo filio  
Radulfi . Gileberto de Osteli . Adam camerario . apud Wincestre.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 6318.]

Endorsed: IIII 9 [Vesp. E xviii. 80 b; Gayton IIII].

## 165

**Harl. Chart. 44 E 53. Agreement between the monks of Kirkstead and Aubrey wife of Ralf son of Hacon and Simon her son concerning pasture in the fields of Gayton le Wold and Grimblethorpe. (Circa 1162.)**

C Y R O G R A P H V M<sup>1</sup>

Hec est conuentio inter monachos Kirkestede ⁊ Alberedam uxorem Radulfi filii Haconis ⁊ Simonem filium eius de pasturis ouium suarum ⁊ equorum ⁊ omnium animalium uidelicet quod pecunie utriusque partis ibunt communiter in campis de Gaituna ⁊ in campis de Grimkiltorp sine destructione utrorum camporum . excepto quod tota pastura in occidentali parte camporum de Grimkiltorp ab eo loco ubi finiunt campi de Gaituna usque ad uiam que descendit de Wicham in Catebi ⁊ in longum . et in latitudinem de Grimkiltorp usque ad Mikelhou sicut uia que iacet sub Mikelhou se extendit usque ad aliam predictam uiam . et in orientali parte camporum de Grimkiltorp a loco ubi finiunt campi de Gaituna in longum usque ad houedland Alani super Blamild . et inde per transuersum usque ad Houum . et in latum de Houum usque ad uillam de Catebi . in his pasturis exceptis ⁊ non pascent pecunie monachorum . Pascent autem per campos de Catebi ⁊ Grimkiltorp communiter . His testibus . Hamelino decano . Willelmo bon ami monacho de Luda . Waltero clerico de Benigworda . Rogero de Beningworda . Rogero de Punt Cardun . Eustachio de Catebi . Brieno filio Alani . Radulfo de Brunna . Lewino de Gaituna.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed: 1. Sýmonis ⁊ Alberede de pastura (contemporary).

2. Gaytona xxxvij. [Vesp. E. xviii. 79; unnumbered.]

Cyrogaphum inter nos ⁊ Albredam de Grinkelthorp  
(Henry III.)

3. .IIII.

<sup>1</sup> Inverted and indented ; followed by unintelligible letters.

**Harl. Chart. 50 A 5.** Grant by Brian son of Alan of Welton le Wold to Kirkstead abbey of a bovate in Gayton le Wold.<sup>1</sup> (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris ⁊ Briennus filius Alani de [Welletun salutem . Sciatis] me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie [de Kir]kestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . unam [bouatam] terre in campis de Gaitun . quam Lefwinus de eadem uilla tenuit 7 Robertus [filius] eius post eum ut . . . . . teneant eam libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione ⁊ 7 ego 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus [⁊ predictam terram ad] opus predictorum monachorum . 7 acquietabimus de omnibus rebus 7 seruiciis erga omnes homines 7 hoc totum feci per [bonam] uoluntatem 7 concessionem Edie uxoris mee [coram aliis] liberis feminis . 7 Radulfi heredis mei . Testibus . Reginaldo decano de Coueham . Radulfo decano de Gaitun . Gaufrido de Widcale . Hamelino Croch . Hamelino fratre eius . Waltero filio Roberti filii Gilleberti Willelmo filio . . . . . fratre meo . Waltero Galle . Radulfo de Sumercotes . Willelmo de Haneie . Ricardo de Tadewelle . R . . . . . de Roclund.

Tags for two seals, one remaining: star. . . . . RADVLF.

Endorsed: .9.

**Harl. Chart. 54 H 4.** Grant by Robert le Peitavin to Kirkstead abbey of two *mansurae terre* in Southorpe. (Circa 1150-1160.)

Notum sit omnibus sancte dei ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Robertus le peitauin concessi 7 dedi ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkesteda 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus duas mansuras terre in Suthorp cum omnibus suis appenticis in elemosina . una quarum mansurarum est in parte aquilonis grangie monachorum . 7 alia est in parte austri iuxta curiam grangie predicte . Hanc concessionem 7 donationem dedi ecclesie predicte pro salute anime mee 7 uxoris mee 7 omnium heredum meorum 7 omnium parentum meorum . Et hanc donationem predictam dedi concessu 7 bona uolun-

<sup>1</sup> Vesp. E xviii. 81 b; Gayton XI, is a grant of this bovate by Ralf son of Brian for 40 d. yearly. To this is appended the note ' quieti sunt isti denarii per aliam cartam quam habuimus a predicto Brianno', evidently with reference to the present text, which, however, is not transcribed.



tate Matildis uxoris mee 7 omnium heredum meorum . 7 nominatim concessu domini Hugonis filii Pinconis . 7 Walteri Bech . His testibus Adam abbate . de Melsa . Gaufrido monacho de Melsa . Simone canonico de Beuerleic . magistro Radulfo . Ricardo suo socio . magistro Randulfo . Reinaldo tolenario . Bertramo sacerdote de Biscopatorp . Ricardo filio Henrici . Lefsino clerico . Daniele homine Hugonis . Rogero fabro.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : (1) XIX ; (2) 9<sup>1</sup> [Vesp. E xviii. 83 ; Gayton XIX].

## 168

**Harl. Chart. 47 H 25. Sale by Robert son of Eustace of Cadeby to the lady Basilia of Welton and Geoffrey her son of a bovine and a half in Welton le Wold, three tofts which were Jalf's, and the whole of Jalf's offspring. (1190-1193.)**

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Robertus filius Eustacii de Catebi consilio 7 assensu Agnetis matris mee et Samsonis fratris mei 7 sororum mearum 7 heredum meorum uendidi 7 quietam clamaui domine Basilie de Welletun 7 Galfrido filio eius 7 heredibus eorum unam bouatam terre 7 dimidiam in territorio de Welletun 7 tres tofts in eadem uilla que fuerunt Jalf cum omnibus pertinenciis suis infra uillam 7 extra . quam predictam terram ego Robertus disreniaui per asisam coram iusticiis regis apud *Lincolniam* . Preterea sciendum est quod ego Robertus quietam clamaui predictae Basilie 7 Galfrido filio eiusdem 7 heredibus eorum totam progeniem predicti Jalf sine aliquo retenemento mei uel heredum meorum . Hanc uero uendicionem 7 quitamclamacionem<sup>1</sup> feci ego predictae Basilie 7 Galfrido filio eiusdem 7 heredibus eorum de me 7 heredibus meis pro triginta 7 octo solidis argenti quos predicta Basilia . 7 predictus Galfridus mihi dederunt . His testibus . Rogero de Sticeswald tunc temporis uicecomite *Lincolnie* Lamberto de Scoteneia . Willelmo de Carletun . Rogero de Neuuilla . Herberto filio Willelmi . Willelmo filio Simonis . Roberto Ribald . Roberto filio Willelmi de Leceburna . Rogero de Milloi (*sic*) . Rogero filio Toraldi . Willelmo de Hacketorp . Johanne filio Gikelli . Roberto filio Mole . Briano filio Hamelini . Odone Galle . Alano Uilain . Robert (*sic*) filio Godrici . Gocelino Galle . Johanne filio eius.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed : (1) .viii. (thirteenth century) ; (2) Superhabundantia .viii. Gayton (fifteenth century).

<sup>1</sup> Altered from *quitamclamacionem*.

**Harl. Chart. 52 B 12.** Quitclaim by Gikell of Yarburgh and his *nepos* Ralf son of Brien to Helias Moysant of all the service which he owed them for the tenement in Grainthorpe which he ought to 'defend' against them. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus hominibus suis 7 amicis 7 omnibus presentibus 7 futuris . Giekellus de Jerdebure filius Alani 7 Radulphus filius Brienni nepos eius . salutem . Sciatis nos quietum clamasse 7 hac carta nostra confirmasse Helie Moysant 7 heredibus suis totum seruicium quod debuit facere nobis pro toto tenemento quod debuit defendere uersus nos in territorio de Germundtorp . 7 hanc quietam clamationem fecimus ei pro una daila quam idem Helias dedit nobis de eodem tenemento in territorio predictae uille de Germundtorp . que est ex nort parte de Swinedich sicut carte illius testantur quas<sup>1</sup> inde habemus . Testibus . Gilleberto capellano de Welletona . Roberto persona de Biscoptorp . magistro Geruasio fil Radulfi . Benedicto Moysant . Thoma filio Alani . Roberto Wiles . Hugone de Valle Colgria.<sup>2</sup>

Tags for two seals.

Endorsed : (1) Jhicellus de Ierdbure 7 Radulfus filius Briani quieta clamantia (contemporary). (2) + . Ciii . [Vesp. E xviii. 91 ; Gayton CIII].

**Harl. Chart. 48 C 10.** Grant by Hamelin the clerk of Yarburgh to Kirkstead abbey of ten acres of meadow in Grainthorpe, and a toft of one acre in which the monks might set a man to guard their property. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Hamelinus clericus de Jerdeburch salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci in elemosinam : decem acras prati in territorio de Germundetorp . scilicet .x. percas in latitudine . 7 in longitudine uadunt á Gaterume usque ad Sandwad . 7 sunt proxime ab orientali parte daile quam predicti monachi habent de Waltero Moisan . 7 iacent in loco qui uocatur les acres ab occidentali parte de Gudfridre grene quas Azo nepos meus aliquando tenuit de me 7 sunt de mea epmtione (*sic*) . 7 preterea unum toftum de una acra terre infra croftum quod fuit Reginaldi auunculi mei ab aquilonari parte de Gaterume iuxta occidentalem partem predicti crofti . ut monachi

<sup>1</sup> Altered from *quam*.

<sup>2</sup> There is an indented flourish after the final *a*.

ponant ibi unum hominem ad custodiam rerum suarum . 7 hoc totum feci per concessionem heredum meorum . 7 ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus omnia predicta contra omnes homines in perpetuum ad opus monachorum libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione . Testibus . Roberto sacerdote de Marum . Henrico clerico de Langetona . Willelmo Bigot . Simone . 7 Alano 7 Gilleberto fratribus eius . Roberto filio eius . Eudoni de Rocheford . Euerardo de Langetona . Georgio Grim . Reginaldo Brennehand .

Oval seal : floriate design. FLOS HAMEL . . . .

Endorsed : Gayton (fifteenth century).

## 171

Harl. Chart. 57 G 23. Grant by Ralf son of Brien of Welton to Robert his brother of a quarter of the land of his father's acquisition in Grainthorpe. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus presentibus 7 futuris . Radulfus filius Brienni de Welle-tuna . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse Roberto fratri meo pro homagio suo 7 seruicio totam quartam partem terre de Germundtorp que fuit de conquisto patris mei tenendam de me 7 heredibus meis in feodo 7 hereditate plenarie cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . in terra arabili in pratis 7 pascuis . in hominibus 7 redditibus 7 omnibus aliis rebus . ita libere 7 quiete . sicut pater meus ea unquam liberius 7 quietius tenuit . scilicet excepto scutagio cum euenerit quantum pertinet ad predictam terram . 7 excepta illa parte eiusdem terre quam pater meus dedit monachis de Kirkesteda in elemosinam . Testibus . Radulfo abbate Kirkestede . Ricardo priore . Ricardo suppriori Johanne cellarario . Johanne rufo 7 Simone monachis . 7 Willelmo de Dentona . Hugone Malet . Waltero de Bentona . Ricardo de Ormesbi . Giekello filio Alani . Simone 7 Ricardo 7 Petro filiis Radulfi . Brienno filio Hamelini . Johanne de Aluerstein . Petro passe leue . Roberto de Hattun .

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : (1) *Radulfi filii Brienni* (same hand as text); (2) .iiii. (thirteenth century); (3) *Superhabundantia* . Gayton (fifteenth century).

## 172

Harl. Chart. 45 H 7. Notification by Walter Bech and Agnes his wife that they have received from the monks of Kirkstead arable land in Gayton le Wold in exchange for meadow in Kirkby on Bain, and that they have given certain demesne moor in exchange for a portion of meadow in Biscathorpe.



They have also given their licence to their men of Biscathorpe to make exchanges from their lands with the same monks. (1162.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis . presentibus 7 futuris Walterus Bech 7 Agnes uxor eius ⁊ salutem . Sciatis nos accepisse a monachis de Kirkesteda excambium pro prato quod uocatur Harpincroft in campis de Kirkebi ⁊ terram lucrabilem in campis de Gaituna scilicet duplam ad quantitatem prati . propterea quod non seritur singulis annis ⁊ 7 unum toftum quod idem monachi habuerunt in uilla Biscoptorp computandum in eodem excambio . et pro prato quod ipsi habuerunt in crofto molendini nostri apud Biscoptorp ⁊ dedimus eis in excambium quantum est de dominio nostro in mora que dicitur Holedic . Preterea concessimus 7 licentiam dedimus hominibus nostris de Biscoptorp ut faciant monachis excambium de terris suis que sunt illis in asiamento ⁊ ad equalitatem terram pro terra . Hec omnia concessimus 7 confirmauimus eisdem monachis hac carta nostra 7 sigillo ⁊ tenenda in elemosinam libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine . 7 omni exactione . 7 warantizabimus eis in perpetuum ⁊ nos 7 heredes nostri . Hoc autem factum fuit anno incarnationis Domini .M.C.IX.II<sup>o</sup>. mense Augusto in die sancti Rufi martiris . Huius rei testes sunt . domnus Walterus abbas de Bardeneia . 7 Rogerus cellarius 7 Walterus capellanus de Bardeneia . Leonisius de Arcelis Ricardus filius Henrici . Walterus litel eie . Fulchardus . 7 Walterus cocus . Walterus le Poher . Robertus de Timelbi . Robertus faber de Wispintuna . Sciendum etiam quod hec omnia affidauius ego Walterus Bech 7 Agnes uxor mea in manu Walteri abbatis de Bardeneia 7 testes affidationis uxoris mee etiam preter supradictos sunt ⁊ Nogga uxor Ricardi . filii Henrici . Clementia neptis Walteri Bech . Sigga uxor Osberti 7 Lucia uxor Roberti de Wispintuna . 7 coram his testibus accepit xx solidos de manu abbatis de Bardenia .

Slit only for seal tag, which passed between *Osberti* and 7, and between *abbatis* and *de*.

Endorsed : Galterii Bec (contemporary); XXII [Vesp. E xviii. 83 b; Gayton XXII].

## 173

Harl. Chart. 45 H 6. Grant by Walter Bech to Kirkstead abbey of the site of the old mill of Kirkby on Bain and the mill itself, a fishery in Witham called Haikegard, a wood called Beorneshag, and common pasture in Kirkby. (1170-1175.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris ⁊ Walterus Bech salutem . Sciatis me dedisse deo 7 ecclesie sancte

Marie de Kirkesteda 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuum elemosinam sedem antiqui molendini de Kirkebi 7 ipsum molendinum cum stagno 7 omnibus pertinentiis 7 antiquis libertatibus suis quod est propinquius eidem uille in aquilonali parte . 7 unam piscariam in Widme que uocatur Haikegard . 7 totum boscum quod uocatur Beorneshag sicut diuise inter eos testantur . 7 communem pasturam per totos campos de Kirkebi cum omnibus introitibus 7 exitibus 7 uis 7 semitis eiusdem uille 7 inter abbatiam 7 molendinos (*sic*) monachorum . Hanc donationem feci predictis monachis per consilium 7 bonam uoluntatem Agnetis sponse mee 7 heredum meorum : pro salute animarum nostrarum 7 omnium antecessorum nostrorum . Et monachi tenebunt omnia predicta de me 7 heredibus meis in perpetuum libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione : preter quod dabunt annuatim mihi uel heredibus meis xx solidos tercio die ante festum sancti Botulfi . Preterea sciendum est quod si mansero in Kirkebi : monachi molent bladum domus mee quamdiu mansero ibi . Ego autem 7 heredes mei warantizabimus monachis omnia predicta sicut elemosinam nostram : erga regem 7 omnes homines . His testibus . Waltero uicecomite de Grimesbi . Rogero de Beningworda 7 Gregorio fratre eius . Roberto filio Simonis de Tumbi . Johanne de Maring . Willelmo de Polum . Ricardo de Wadingworda . Thoroldo decano de Hedlingtuna . Gaufrido capellano de Tateshale . Roberto de Ructuna . Alano filio Ricardo Smereorn . Gaufrido filio Alani filii Glauci . Waltero de Nauenebi . Abraham de Strattuna . Willelmo filio Alani de Wdehale . Roberto de Maringa . Gaufrido de Maringa .

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5682.]

Endorsed: XI [Vesp. E xviii. 143 b; Langwath XI].

## 174

Harl. Chart. 45 H 9. Release by Walter Bek to Kirkstead abbey of the twenty shillings which they used to pay him yearly for the mill of Kirkby on Bain, confirmation of both the mills which they have there, one for grinding and one for fulling, and grant of a toft on the north of Kirkby. (Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis . presentibus 7 futuris : Walterus Bek salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkesteda et monachis eiusdem loci in elemosinam illos .xx. solidos redditus quos mihi reddere solebant



annuatim pro molendino de Kirkebi . 7 utrumque molendinum quod ibidem habent . scilicet tam illud quod est ad molendum . quam illud quod est ad fullandum . 7 preterea unum toftum ex nordparte uille de Kirkebi ad faciendum inde quicquid uoluerint ita tamen quod totum fensium animalium que monachi habituri sunt super toftum illum remanebit mihi 7 heredibus meis ad faciendum inde quod uoluerimus . Quare uolo ut habeant 7 teneant omnia predicta 7 nominatim utrumque molendinum cum omnibus aisiamentis suis ex utraque parte aque de Baina . 7 cum omnibus aliis rebus que in carta mea continentur quam ipsi de molendino habent libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione sicut ulla elemosina liberius teneri potest . Et ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 adquietabimus eis omnia predicta in perpetuum sicut puram elemosinam nostram (*sic*) . contra omnes homines . Et hec omnia feci per consensum 7 consilium Agnetis sponse mee 7 Hugonis heredis mei postquam idem . Hugo . factus fuit miles . Testibus eodem . Hugone . Willelmo de Fuletebi . Alano de Martona . Roberto de Wadingwrda . Daniele le Flamang . Fulcardo . Osberno de Oxekumb . Simone de Markebi . Alano capellano . Henrico clerico .

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : .XII. [Vesp. E xviii. 144; Langwath XII], and traces of later writing.

## 175

**Harl. Chart. 45 H 8. Grant by Walter Bek to Kirkstead abbey of twenty shillings of yearly rent from his mill of Tattershall, with detailed provisions for the security of this payment. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Walterus Bek salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkesteda 7 monachis eiusdem loci . in liberam . puram . 7 perpetuam elemosinam . uiginti solidos annui redditus de molendino meo de Tateshala reddendos eis annuatim in perpetuum ad festum sancti Botulphi . sine ulteriori dilacione . ita quod nec ego nec heredes mei . nec assignati mei . nullo anno capiemus aliquid seruicium de ipso molendino . donec monachi plenarie perceperint . uiginti solidos suos . 7 hanc donacionem . horum .xx. solidorum . feci eis pro salute anime mee 7 Agnetis sponse mee 7 omnium antecessorum 7 heredum meorum . Quare uolo ut predicti monachi habeant 7 teneant predictum redditum . libere . 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruicio . 7 consuetudine 7 ab omni enkumbramento . sicut ulla elemosina liberius



7 quiecius teneri potest uel haberi . Et si contingat dictum molendinum esse amotum uel per aquam asportatum uel per ruinam peioratum . uel alio aliquo casu enkumbratum : tunc uolo quod omnia tenementa mea 7 terre mee de Tateshala . Thorp' . 7 Kirkebi obligentur ad soluendum dictum redditum . uiginti solidorum . 7 quod dicti monachi 7 eorum attornati . possint distringere . in omnibus tenementis 7 terris meis predictis 7 districciones abducere . 7 retinere . quousque de predicto redditu eis plenarie fuerit satisfactum . sine calupnia 7 impedimento mei 7 heredum meorum . 7 hominum meorum inperpetuum . Et ego Walterus 7 heredes mei predictum redditum . predictis monachis . warantizabimus . 7 acquietabimus 7 defendemus contra omnes homines in perpetuum . sicut liberam puram . 7 perpetuam elemosinam nostram . 7 hoc totum feci per consilium 7 concessionem . Agnetis sponse mee . 7 Hugonis heredis mei . postquam idem Hugo factus est miles . Testibus ipso . Hugone . Willelmo de Fulletbi . Alano de Martona . Roberto de Wadigwortha . Daniele le Flamang . Fulcardo . Osberno de Oxekumba .

Seal : lion passant. + SIGILLVM WALTERI BEC.

Endorsed : .XIII. [Vesp. E xviii. 144 ; Langwath XIII].

## 176

**Harl. Chart. 50 B 18. Grant by Hugh son of Pinceon to Kirkstead abbey of the site of the abbey's mills on the Bain, with various appurtenances and easements, also confirmation of a *cultura* in Martin by Horncastle given by David of Martin. (Circa 1150-1160.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Hugo filius Pinceonis : salutem . Notum sit uobis quod ego Hugo filius Pinceonis concessi 7 dedi deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkesteda 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus sedem molendinorum suorum super Beinam in campis de Kirkebi cum omni trencato molendinorum . 7 terram lucrabilem que est inter trencatum 7 ueterem Beinam : cum managio erudem (*sic*) molendinorum . 7 terram que de meo dominio est inter magnam uiam 7 trencatum . 7 warantizabimus eis tacamentum stagni sui 7 le reful<sup>1</sup> molendinorum suorum contra omnes homines : omni causatione remota . Dedi etiam eis Loufhaga, hoc est nemus sicuti meta ostendit in ea parte que propinquior est abbathie cum duabus moris que pertinent ad hoc nemus . unam ab aquilone 7 alteram ab austro . 7 escasnapam 7 terram noue sedis abbathie . 7 totum boscum 7 mariscum inter abbathiam 7 Withmam . 7 dimidiam piscariam in

<sup>1</sup> MS. *leresful*.

Withma de sub Belthesholm . 7 concessi eis 7 confirmaui culturam que dicitur Windesle in campis de Martona ex dono Daudid de Martona . Et concessi eis esiamenta 7 communem pasturam tocius terre mée : de Kirkebi . Thorp . 7 Tateshala . quantum pertinet ad feodum meum in boscis . planis . moris . mariscis . brueriis . in uiiis . 7 semitis . 7 in omnibus aliis locis . 7 in esiamenta ad faciendum omnimoda cariagia sua . 7 ad caciandum 7 recaciandum omnimoda animalia sua : undecunque ueniencia per omnes terras predictas . sine impedimento mei uel heredum meorum aut hominum meorum in perpetuum . Hec omnia predicta concessi eis libera . quieta . ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 exaccione in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam consessu (*sic*) 7 uoluntate heredum meorum pro salute mea 7 uxoris mee 7 heredum meorum . 7 pro animabus patris mei 7 matris mee . 7 antecessorum meorum . 7 ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus omnia predicta dictis monachis acquietabimus 7 defendemus contra omnes homines sicut puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam nostram inperpetuum . Hiis testibus . Philippo decano . Waltero capellano de Berdenei . Roberto de Ruchtuna . Roberto de Martuna . Rogero de Sotebi . Alano de Torentuna . Philippo de Kima . Iuone filio Roberti de Polum . Rogero de Le . Roberto filio Wimerce . Roberto de Bappalmes . Ansketillo de . Ruchtuna . Willelmo Viles.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5990.]

Endorsed : X.

Not entered in full in the Cartulary. At f. 143 b (Langwath X) is entered a grant by Hugh son of Pincon which agrees with the present charter to *communem pasturam*. As the first four witnesses of this charter are appended to this cartulary copy it is probably an abbreviation of the present text.

## 177

**Harl. Chart. 50 B 19. Grant by Agnes daughter of Hugh son of Pincun to Kirkstead abbey of a way upon her land in Kirkby on Bain. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Agnes filia Hugonis filii Pincun . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkstedda 7 monachis eiusdem loci . ut habeant unam uiam in campis de Kyrkebi super terram meam . ubicunque ad opus suum 7 ad aisiamentum melius esse prouiderint 7 uoluerint ad deducendum uictum suum 7 que eis necessaria fuerint cum carro uel quomodocunque uoluerint . 7 ad habendum liberum ire 7 uenire sibi 7 suis ab abbatia usque ad molendinum suum de Baina .



pro animabus patris ⁊ matris mee ⁊ Walteri . sponsi mei ⁊ omnium antecessorum meorum . ⁊ pro salute mea ⁊ infantum ⁊ omnium amicorum meorum . ⁊ hanc uiam habendam libere ⁊ quiete ab omnibus rebus ⁊ seruicio illis warantizabimus ego ⁊ heredes mei contra omnes homines inperpetuum . Testibus Willelmo de Fulettebi Petro Carou Alano de Martuna . Hugone capellano . Waltero Cárou , Roberto de Wadingwrda Willelmo de Setúna . domina Amica matre Haketi . ⁊ Emmelina . filia eius . ⁊ Margareta ⁊ Emmelina . filiabus meis ⁊ multis aliis.

Oval seal : ornate lys. + SIGILL AGNETIS PINCVN.

Endorsed : .XXVI. [Vesp. E xviii. 146 ; Langwath XXVI].

## 178

Harl. Chart. 50 B 21. Grant by the same to the same of lands in Kirkby on Bain. (Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus ⁊ futuris Agnes filia Hugonis filii Pinceonis . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse ⁊ dedisse ⁊ hac mea carta in liberam ⁊ puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam confirmasse deo ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkstedda ⁊ monachis eiusdem loci . in campis de Kyrkebi á nordparte uille totam illam terram de feodo meo que extenditur in longum á magna uia de Kyrkebi usque ad moram . ⁊ iacet inter terram Petri de Scrémbi . que est proxima ad Akergárd ex sudparte . ⁊ terram Richeri . ad faciendam inde uiam á molendino suo de Baina . usque ad abbatiam ⁊ uel aliud quod uoluerint sicut de elemosina sua . ⁊ preterea dedi eis similiter in elemosinam ad elargiendam curtem suam de molendino ex sudparte . terram .xxiiii.<sup>or</sup> pedum in longum . ⁊ .xiiii. in latum . ⁊ ex nordparte terram .ix. perticarum in longum . ⁊ sex . in latum . inter latam uiam de Kyrkebi ⁊ trencatum molendini ipsorum . ad claudendum ⁊ fossandum ⁊ faciendum quod uoluerint sicut de sua libera ⁊ propria elemosina . Et ego ⁊ heredes mei hec ita eis warantizabimus ⁊ ad opus ipsorum monachorum adquietabimus de omnibus rebus ⁊ seruiciis ⁊ consuetudine ⁊ omni exactione . erga omnes homines ⁊ inperpetuum . Et hoc dedi eis pro animabus patris mei ⁊ matris mee ⁊ omnium antecessorum meorum . ⁊ pro salute mea ⁊ Hugonis filii mei ⁊ heredis . ⁊ omnium infantum ⁊ heredum meorum simul cum corpore meo . ad sepeliendum inter eos quando-cunque ⁊ ubicunque obiero . Et si aliquo modo euenerit quod alibi habeam sepulturam quam apud Kyrkstedda ⁊ tamen ipsi monachi



habebunt hec omnia predicta in elemosinam perpetuam ita integre 7 plenarie 7 ita libere 7 quiete ut predictum est : inperpetuum . Testibus . Willelmo de Fulettebi . Alano de Martona . Hugone capellano . Henrico Bec . filio meo . Emelina filia mea . Gocelino preposito . Osberno de Oxecumbe . Roberto de Funtenai . Thoma clerico . Gilleberto dispensario . Fulkardo . Gilleberto . Escúer . Hugone Paiteuin . Ricardo filio Stephani.

Seal as appended to No. 177.

Endorsed : .XXVIII: [Vesp. E xviii. 146 b ; Langwath XXVIII].

## 179

Harl. Chart. 50 B 20. Grant by the same to the same of a toft in Tattershall Thorpe and a selion in Kirkby on Bain. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Agnes filia Hugonis filii Pincun . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkstedda 7 monachis eiusdem loci . unum toftum in Tórp quod Wlmarus filius Stirkér<sup>1</sup> tenuit . 7 unum selionem terre arabilis in campis de Kyrkebi ad austrum curtis molendini ipsorum de Baina qui iacet ab oriente iuxta terram Petri de Scrembi . in liberam 7 puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam simul cum corpore meo . Habendum 7 tenendum libere 7 quiete de omnibus rebus sicut unquam ulla elemosina liberius 7 quietius teneri potest 7 ad faciendum inde quicquid uoluerint . Et ego 7 heredes mei hoc ita eis warantizabimus 7 ad opus ipsorum de omnibus rebus adquietabimus contra omnes homines inperpetuum : Testibus Willelmo de Fulettebi Alano de Martona . Henrico Bec . Nicolao Bec . Toma de Fulettebi . Simone clerico . Gocelino de Spylesbi . Osberno de Oxecumba . Gilleberto filio Stephani.

Fragment of seal as in No. 177.

Endorsed : XXIX [Vesp. E xviii. 146 b ; Langwath XXIX]. Toft in Thorp molendinum (fifteenth century).

## 180

Harl. Chart. 56 H 10. Licence by Robert son of Hugh son of Eudo to the abbot and convent of Kirkstead to remove the site of the abbey to a larger and more convenient neighbouring place, with a confirmation of common pasture in the grantor's land in Tattershall, Tattershall Thorpe, and Kirkby on Bain,

<sup>1</sup> Possibly, but not probably, the stroke over the *e* is meant to convert the name into *Stirkeri*.

grant of chace and rechace, and confirmation of an acre of meadow given by Geoffrey Iugan. (Circa 1187.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Robertus filius Hugonis filii Eudonis de Tateshala . salutem . Notum uobis sit me concessisse 7 hac mea carta licenciasse abbatem 7 conuentum de Kirkestede ad amouendum sedem abbathie sue . ad quemdam locum propinquum (*sic*) largiorem 7 magis utilem ad inhabitandum sine calumpnia mei uel heredum meorum in perpetuum . Insuper do 7 confirmo deo 7 beate Marie 7 monachis eiusdem loci . in liberam . puram . 7 perpetuam elemosinam . communem . pasturam totius terre mée . in Tateshala . Thorpa . 7 Kirkeby . quantum pertinet ad feodum meum ad omnimoda animalia sua . ubicumque hyemata . tam in feodo alieno quam in feodo meo . Do eciam 7 concedo dictis monachis . liberum introitum 7 exitum 7 transitum . ad faciendum omnimoda cariagia sua . 7 ad caciandum 7 recaciandum omnimoda [animalia su]a . undicunque uenientia per omnes terras predictas sine impedimento mei heredum meorum uel hominum meorum in perpetuum . Preterea confirmo dictis monachis . unam acram prati in Nordengis . quam Gaufridus Iugan<sup>1</sup> dedit eis . cum omnibus aliis donis que habent de me . 7 de dono patris mei . in terris . in pratis . in pasturis . in boscis . in planis . in moris 7 mariscis . in brueriis . in piscariis . in aquis . in uiis . in semitis . in communiis 7 in omnibus aliis asiamentis . Et ego Robertus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus . defendemus . 7 acquietabimus . eis omnia predicta . sicut . liberam . puram . 7 perpetuam elemosinam nostram . contra omnes homines in perpetuum . Testes . sunt Willelmus . filius Hugonis . 7 Willelmus de Dentuna fratres mei . Willelmus filius Iuonis . Martellus frater Radulfi de Wassigburcha . Gaufridus capellanus de Tateshala . Willelmus filius Walteri de Wella . Robertus filius Simonis de Tumbi . Willelmus ostricarius homo Phillippi de Kima.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5951.]

Endorsed: .VI. [Vesp. E xviii. 2 b; Abbacia VI].<sup>2</sup>

## 181

**Harl. Chart. 56 H 11.** Grant by Walter son of Hugh to Kirkstead abbey of a yearly rent of two shillings from lands in Kirkby on Bain. (Henry II.)

Notum sit omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris quod ego Walterus filius Hugonis per concessum 7 bonam uoluntatem

<sup>1</sup> This name may also be read Ingan, but it is undoubtedly Iugan when it reappears in No. 202.

<sup>2</sup> This charter does not correspond accurately with that entered under this reference.



Walteri filii mei cui dedi totam terram quam habui in Kyrkebi super Beinam concessi 7 dedi 7 presenti carta confirmaui deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkstedda 7 monochis (*sic*) eiusdem loci duos solidos redditus ad capiendum annuatim ad festum sancte Margarete de ipsa terra de Kirkebi scilicet .xii. denarios de terra quam Richerus tenuit . 7 xii. denarios . de terra quam Tutan tenuit ad opus illius altaris quod in eadem ecclesia est atturnatum ad cantandum pro defunctis . Et si heredes Richeri uel heredes Tutan inde defecerint tunc ego uel heredes mei reddemus ipsos duos solidos eisdem monachis omni anno ad terminum predictum Et si ego uel heredes mei inde defecerimus tunc ipsi monachi sese recognoscent ad predictas terras Richeri 7 Tutan sicut ad suam elemosinam Et ego 7 heredes mei hanc elemosinam 7 redditum warantizabimus 7 de nostro alio tenemento acquietabimus de omnibus rebus ad opus ipsorum monachorum contra omnes homines in perpetuum . pro salute mea 7 heredum meorum 7 pro animabus patris 7 matris mee 7 omnium antecessorum 7 heredum meorum ut simus partitipes (*sic*) omnium benefictorum (*sic*) que in eadem domo fiunt uel fient in perpetuum . Testibus . Rogero filio Hugonis Waltero filio meo Alano de Aggetorp Alano de Martuna . Briunno de Houttebi Waltero de Ginnei Ranulfo de Witkale Henrico filio eius.

Seal: head to right, legend obliterated.

Endorsed: XXXII. Duplex [Vesp. E xviii. 147; Langwath XXXII].

## 182

**Harl. Chart. 56 A 19. Grant by Peter of Scremby to Kirkstead abbey of a piece of land, twenty-five feet in breadth, to the south of the abbey's mill. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Petrus de Scrembi salutem . Noueritis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkstedde 7 monachis eiusdem loci in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam .xxv. pedes terre in latum ex sudparte molendini ipsorum 7 in longum quantum feodum meum ibi se extendit a magna uia uersus Bainam ad faciendum inde quicquid eis placuerit . Hanc predictam elemosinam ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus ad opus monachorum predictorum liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione . Et hoc feci pro salute anime mee 7 heredum meorum ad aisiamentum monachorum ad curtem grangie dilatandam . Coram his testibus . Richero Petro persona de Ructun 7 Johanne fratre eius . Roberto de Fontanei . Henrico de Wudehalle Willelmo Hard . Waltero de Welletona . Nicholao .

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed: .XXVII. [Vesp. E xviii. 146; Langwath XXVII].



## 183

**Egerton Charter 506.** Grant by William son of John of Mareham le Fen to Kirkstead abbey of eight perches of meadow near the river Bain. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Willelmus filius Iohannis de Maringa salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkesteda 7 monachis eiusdem loci in elemosinam totum pratum meum quod iacet inter Gunris 7 aquam de Baina . scilicet viii. perticas in latum 7 in longum a prefato Gunris usque ad aquam de Baina . 7 uolo ut habeant 7 teneant totum pratum istud libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione . sicut ulla elemosina liberius teneri potest . Et ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus eis totum pratum istud in perpetuum contra omnes homines sicut elemosinam nostram . Testibus Ricardo fratre meo . Gilleberto Neth . Gilleberto forestario Thomæ de Areci . Willelmo de Karletona . Matheo filio Willelmi de Daubi.

Seal: animal. SIGI . . . . . LELMI DE MARÏGE.

Endorsed: .XXI.<sup>1</sup>

## 184

**Harl. Chart. 44 E 57.** Grant by Richard the abbot and the convent of Kirkstead to Clement their *redditus*<sup>2</sup> of a bovate in Martin by Timberland. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant omnes qui legunt uel audiunt hoc scriptum quod ego Ricardus abbas 7 conuentus de Kirkestede concessimus 7 dimisimus Clementi reddito nostro de elemosina nostra in Martona unam bouatam terre quam dedit nobis Walter filius Willelmi de Martona illam scil[icet bouatam que] fuit [Lundi]<sup>3</sup> quam postea Gaufridus filius Hemming tenuit 7 unum toftum quod fuit Eilrici in predicta uilla cum omnibus que pertinent ad predictam terram in pratis 7 pasturis in bosco 7 marisco 7 omnibus aliis rebus ut habeat 7 teneat omnia predicta libera 7 quiete reddendo nobis annuatim ad festum omnium sanctorum unam petram cere ad luminare ecclesie nostre pro omni seruitio . 7

<sup>1</sup> Entered under that number Vesp. E xviii. 145 b : Langwath and Wildmore Series. Charter XX is the grant of these eight perches by John de Marinhe, so that the present charter is really a confirmation, though its formulas are those of an original grant.

<sup>2</sup> See Ducange under this word.

<sup>3</sup> This name is confirmed by the text of the original gift of this land to Kirkstead abbey by Walter son of William (Vesp. E xviii. 34 b). The surface of the present charter is damaged.

sciendum quod hanc concessionem fecimus predicto Clementi quamdiu uoluerit ipsam terram tenere tantum in uita ipsius : ita quod post mortem eius . terra ipsa permanebit nobis libera . aut si transiens in religionem uitam suam<sup>1</sup> mutauerit statim ipsa terra remanebit nobis . . . sine aliquo retinemento . . . . . priore Benedicto suppriori . . . . magistro conuersorum . . . 7 Iuone cellarario . Willelmo Hospitali . Suano mercatore . Radulfo telario . conuersis .

Slit only for seal tag.

No. early endorsement.

## 185

**Harl. Chart. 55 E II. Grant by earl William of Lincoln to Kirkstead abbey of common pasture in Wildmore. (Circa 1140.)**

Willelmus de Roumara comes Licone<sup>2</sup> omnibus hominibus 7 amicis suis Francis 7 Anglicis tocius Anglie . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse sancte Marie de Kirchestede 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus communem pasturam in Wildamora . quantum mihi 7 terre mee pertinet . in elemosina pro salute anime mee 7 Lucie matris mee . 7 omnium antecessorum meorum . Testibus Rogero capellano . Hamone elemosinario . Waltero capellano de Barnancia (*sic*) . 7 fratre Simone de Sticheswald . Roberto le Calceis . Rogero de Tilliol . Willelmo de Horsintun . Radulfo de Henlintun . Ricardo magno . Rainaldo le mareschal .

'Step' for seal tag.

Endorsed : .V. [Vesp. E xviii. 142 b ; Langwath V].

Written irregularly in a crude hand.

## 186

**Dodsworth MS. 76, No. 18. Grant by Robert Marmiun to Kirkstead abbey of half the land which Adelsi son of Bern and his nepos Asketin son of Od held of Robert in Roughton, with further gift of woodland and pasture. (1163.)**

Notum sit omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . quod ego [Rodbertus] Marmiun . concessi . 7 dedi . deo 7 ecclesie (*sic*) sancte Marie . de Kyrkestede . 7 monachis eiusdem loci totum dimidium terre quam Adelsi filius Bern . 7 Asketinus filius Od nepos eius . tenuerunt de predecessores meis uel de me in Ructun scilicet sex bouatas terre cum omnibus adiacentiis suis in bosco 7 plano . in prato 7 pastura . 7 molendino 7 piscaria 7 aqua . in uiiis 7 semitis in

<sup>1</sup> There is an unnecessary compendium over the *a*.

<sup>2</sup> An *i* is possibly inserted over the final *e*.



mariscis in brueriis . 7 moris . libere 7 quiete 7 in perpetuam elemosinam . Et sciendum quod totum dominium quod fuit Adelsi in Ruchtuna in terra arabili 7 pratis . in illorum medietate est . et quantum illud dominium est minus á tota medietate tenure Adelsi . tantum adimpleui eis de alia terra que fuit Adelsi . in eadem uilla . Hoc totum feci per uoluntatem 7 concessionem nepotis Adelsi Roberti Calf 7 Asketini fratris eius 7 Ingeride matris eorum . Per spontaneam quoque uoluntatem eorundem concessi 7 dedi ipsis monachis omnes operationum suarum comoditates quas [in] feodo illo fecerunt in edificiis in molendinis . in trencatibus in tacamentis . 7 in omnibus alijs assiammentis . Cal[ump]niam quoque detrimenti quod molendinum meum de Holtain sustinuit a molendino illorum de Beina quod est in territorio de Kyrkebi inperpetuum eis remisi . ita ne molendinum meum maius detrimentum in posterum sustineat . Nemus etiam de Torntuna quod uocatur Huuerhaga [7 totam terra]m eiusdem nemoris per has metas . ab oriente per latam uiam que uenit de Grimbaldi mora usque ad Siket uersus aquilonem que uia est meta inter nemus de Martuna 7 de Torntuna . et ab aquilone de predicto Siket per fundum uallis usque ad Ragata et sicut Ragata uadit uersus austrum usque ad uiam Grimbaldi morae que est meta inter Cadus 7 [Hu]uerhaga . et ab austro de uia de Grimbaldi mora . extra nemus usque ad magnam uiam que est meta inter Martuna 7 Torntuna . Communem quoque pasturam 7 asiamenta ab hoc nemore sicut campus de Torntuna se extendit usque ad Widmam . et communem pasturam camporum Cunigsbi . et cum his rebus prescriptis communionem 7 pasturam de Wildemore cum edificiis 7 fossatis eorum [quantum pertinet ad] feodum meum . Omnia predicta concessi 7 dedi in elemosinam deo 7 eclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkestedá 7 conuentui eiusdem [loci] libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione que uel ad me uel heredes meos pertinent uel ad aliquem hominem in elemosina . Preter hoc tantum quod adquietabunt supradictas .vi. bouatas uersus regem de danegeld 7 murdre . 7 de quatuor auxiliis uicecomitis . 7 si rex posuerit comune geldum per totum comitatum *Lincolnie* . tunc dabunt quantum pertinebit pro sex bouatis . Preterea concessi 7 dimisi eisdem monachis in perpetuum 7 feodum fir[mam] pro .xxx. solidis annuatim reddendis mihi 7 heredibus meis scilicet .xv. solidos ad sanctum Botulfum . 7 xv solidos . ad festum sancti Andree totum pratum quod Algerus de Cunigesbi 7 Walterus filius eius tenuerunt de predecessoribus meis uel de me . Omnia supradicta concessi 7 dedi [ec]clesie de Kyrkestedá sicut supradictum est pro salute mea 7 pro animabus antecessorum meorum . Et sciendum est quod affidaui in manu Roberti episcopi *Lincolniensis* warantizare hec



omnia predictę eclesię contra omnes homines inperpetuum. Hoc autem factum fuit anno Incarnationis domini millesimo.c. lx iii<sup>o</sup>. mense Iulii / in die festo sancti Jacobi apostoli . apud Ludam . His testibus Waltero abbate de Bardeneie . Laurentio monaco suo . Radulfo presbitero de Kirkebi . Henrico presbitero de Cunigesbi . Gat . . . clerico de Benigwrda . Sýmone clerico de Timelbi . Willelmo clerico Rodberti Marmiun . Rogero de Benigwrda Roberto . . . Waltero dapifero . Rogero filio Radulfi . Roberto . de Timelbi . Ricardo de Marin . Willelmo nepote abbatis de Bardeneia . domino Radulfo de Lude abbate . Petro abbate de Messeden . Daudid abbate de Brueria . Reinaldo de Wincebi . Iuone de Fulotebi presbiteris . Stephano filio camerarii <sup>1</sup> .

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : Roberti Marmiun (contemporary ?) ; .iiii. duplex <sup>2</sup> (thirteenth century).

## 187

**Harl. Chart. 47 F 43. Grant by Robert Calf to Kirkstead abbey of a bovate in Roughton and eight acres in Edlington. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus sanctę ecclesię filiis presentibus 7 futuris Robertus Calf salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse . 7 hac mea carta confirmasse . deo 7 ecclesię sanctę Marie de Kyrkesteda 7 monachis eiusdem loci . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . unam bouatam terre in campis de Ructuna quam Reginaldus albus tenet de feodo Adelsi filii Bern<sup>o</sup> . habendam . 7 tenendam . cum tofto adiacente 7 cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis infra uillam 7 extra . libere 7 quiete pro tribus solidis annuatim reddendis / pro omni seruicio . 7 preterea . octo acras terre arabilis in campis de Edlintuna . cum prato 7 omnibus aliis pertinentiis . scilicet quatuor acras ex una parte uille . 7 quatuor ex alia . Habendas 7 tenendas . similiter in perpetuam elemosinam . libere 7 quiete . ab omni seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione / preter quod dabunt annuatim Johanni de Edlintuna . uel heredibus eius . pro .iiii.<sup>or</sup> acris . de predictis octo acris . unam libram cimini . ad festum sancti Botulfi . Sciatis insuper . me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse eisdem monachis . in liberam 7 puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . consuetudinem illam que uocatur Sinkermorlaige . 7 ego 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus eis omnia predicta contra omnes homines . inperpetuum . ita habenda . 7 tenenda . ut predictum est . 7 hoc totum ita firmiter tenendum 7 absque omni malo ingenio affidaui ego manu mea . in manu Warini

<sup>1</sup> The names of the last six witnesses are in a smaller hand.

<sup>2</sup> This charter is not entered in the Kirkstead cartulary.

capellani . de Tateresalla . Testibus . ipso Warino . Roberto Mussun' . Johanne filio . Warini . capellani . Matheo filio . Willelmi de Daubi . Willelmo de Kyrkebi . Wlfwait de Scridefeld . Stanard . Hagne<sup>1</sup> . Gaufrido de Riueshalla .

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : (1) Mortua : est : (2) 9<sup>11</sup> (twelfth century). (3) iii<sup>a</sup>. (4) Superhabundantia. (5) Ructon (fifteenth century). In Vesp. E xviii. 213 b, under the title *Superhabundantia cartarum*, the heading *Idem Robertus : unam bouatam terre in campis de Ructon* certainly refers to the present charter, but its text is not given.

## 188

**Harl. Chart. 47 F 44. Grant by Robert Calf to Kirkstead abbey of half the land which Adelsi son of Bern held of the fee of Robert Marmion in Roughton. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris : Robertus Calf . salutem . Sciatis quod ego per bonam uoluntatem 7 concessionem Thome filii 7 heredis mei concessi 7 dedi . 7 hac mea carta confirmaui deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci in perpetuam elemosinam totum dimidium terre quam Adelsi filius Bern tenuit de feodo Roberti Marmion in Ruchtuna . scilicet sex bouatas terre cum omnibus pertinentiis suis intra uillam 7 extra . in bosco 7 planis . in pratis 7 pasturis . in brueriis 7 aquis . in uiii 7 semitis . 7 molendino de Ruchtuna cum stagno adiacente . 7 una piscaria in Widma . 7 in omnibus aliis rebus . 7 omnes comoditates operationum suarum in feodo de Ruchtuna . in edificiis 7 molendino de Sinker . in trencatibus 7 tacchamentis 7 omnibus aliis asiamentis . 7 sciendum quod totum dominicum quod fuit Adelsi in Ruchtun in terra arabili 7 pasturis est in illa medietate quam monachi habent . 7 quantum illud dominicum est minus a tota medietate tenure Adelsi : tantum debent predicti monachi habere de alia terra que fuit Adelsi in eadem uilla . Omnia predicta tenebunt monachi bene 7 in pace . libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione : 7 ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 adquietabimus ea ad opus monachorum de omnibus rebus 7 seruiciis erga omnes homines in perpetuum : preter quod monachi adquietabunt predictas sex bouatas uersus regem de danegelda 7 de murdre . 7 de .iiii.<sup>or</sup> auxiliis uicecomitis : 7 si rex posuerit commune geldum per totum comitatum :

<sup>1</sup> This is the usual English rendering of the O.N. personal name *Hęgni*.

tunc dabunt monachi pro illis sex bouatis . quantum pertinet dare pro aliis sex bouatis in eadem uilla . si non habuerint á domino rege quantiam de hiis rebus . 7 hoc totum firmiter tenendum 7 absque omni malo ingenio affidaui ego manu mea . in manu Warini . capellani . de Tatessalla . Testibus eodem Warino 7 Johanne filio eius . Roberto Mussun' . Matheo filio Willelmi de Daubi . Willelmo . de Kyrkebi . Wlfwait de Scraidefeld . Stanard fabro . Hagne . Gaufrido . de Riueshalla .

Seal : Calf. + SIGILLVM : ROBERTI : WE : EL ::

Endorsed : (1) R. Calf (contemporary). (2) .ii.<sup>a</sup> duplex (thirteenth century). (3) Superhabundantia. (4) Ructona (fifteenth century). The word *duplex* is written at the foot of this charter, with reference to Harl. Chart. 47 F 45, which is a duplicate of the present text. In Vesp. E xviii. 213 b this charter is indexed under the heading *Robertus Calf : totum dimidium terre quod Adelsi tenuit in Ructon Duplex*.

## 189

**Harl. Chart. 47 F 47. Grant by Robert Calf to Kirkstead abbey of the whole demesne of Adelsi son of Bern in Roughton, with its appurtenances, and of a toft and a bovate in the same village. (Circa 1180.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Robertus Calf : salutem . Sciatis me per bonam uoluntatem 7 concessionem . Nicholai . Alani . Hereberti . nepotum 7 heredum meorum . concessisse 7 dedisse . 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci . in liberam 7 puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . totum dominicum quod fuit Adelsi filii Bern' . de feodo Roberti Marmiun' in Ruchtuna . scilicet sex bouatas . terre cum omnibus pertinentiis suis intra uillam 7 extra . in toftis 7 croftis . in bosco 7 plano . 7 nominatim Thorwde . ad sartandum 7 claudendum . 7 .xiiii. perticatas terre simul cum bosco . ab occidente bosci . Aki . 7 Godefridi . 7 ix. perticatas . in Burewde . similiter terre cum bosco . 7 cum omnibus aliis rebus . in terra arabili . in prato 7 pastura . in brueriis . in moris . in introitibus 7 exitibus . in aquis . in uiis 7 semitis . 7 molendino de Ruchtuna . cum stagno adiacente . 7 una piscaria in Widma . 7 cum consuetudine illa que dicitur Sinkermórlaige . de quarta parte tocius Sinker' . scilicet que quarta pars tota est de ipso dominico . 7 cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis . 7 aisiamenis . Preterea dedi eis similiter in liberam 7 perpetuam elemosinam . in eadem uilla . toftum illum iuxta le lund . simul cum crofto . que Gillebertus . tenuit de feodo predicti Adelsi . 7 illam bouatam . terre . quam Reginaldus albus tenuit . cum tofto adiacente . 7 cum omnibus pertinentiis . intra uillam 7



extra . 7 nominatim cum consuetudine illa ⁊ que dicitur le Gatecórñ' .  
 Preterea concedo eisdem monachis similiter in elemosinam 7 confirmo .  
 omnes commoditates operationum suarum . in feodo de Ruchtuna .  
 in edificiis . 7 molendino de Sinker' . in trencatibus 7 tacchamentis .  
 7 in omnibus aliis rebus 7 aisiamētis . Omnia predicta tenebunt  
 predicti monachi . bene 7 in pace . libere 7 quiete . de omni seruicio  
 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione . sicut unquam ulla elemosina liberius  
 7 quietius teneri potest ⁊ preter quod dabunt pro illa bouata . quam  
 Reginaldus albus tenuit . tres solidos de firma . annuatim pro omni  
 seruicio . Et ego 7 heredes mei . hec omnia predicta ita tenenda  
 eis warantizabimus 7 adquietabimus de omnibus rebus 7 seruiciis erga  
 omnes homines ⁊ in perpetuum . Et hoc totum affidaui ego Robertus  
 manu mea in manu . Warini<sup>1</sup> . capellani de Tateresalla . firmiter  
 tenendum . 7 fideliter absque omni malo ingenio . Et predicti nepotes  
 7 heredes mei . Nicholaus . Alanus . Herebertus . hoc ipsum similiter  
 affidauerunt . 7 iurauerunt . 7 in ipsa sua affidavitione 7 sacramento  
 posuerunt . quod ipsi 7 heredes eorum firmiter 7 fideliter . sine omni  
 malo ingenio . cum ipsis monachis . ad expensas monachorum . ubi-  
 cumque eis necesse fuerit ⁊ ad hec omnia eis warantizanda 7  
 defensanda contra omnes homines ⁊ in perpetuum . Testibus . Here-  
 berto archidiacono . Cantuariensi . magistro Waltero de Léngges .  
 Theodorico clerico magistro Ricardo . de Wdeleia . Hugone . de  
 Adintuna . Johanne clerico . Benedicto nepote . sancti Thome .  
 Thoma de Gahersta . Ricardo . Cúrsun . Ricardo . Páncefot' . Willelmo  
 de Capella . Helia filio . Simonis . Reginaldo de Ramesbiri . Petro de  
 Fulefoda . Daniele . marescallo . Helia de Chirituna . Warino capellano  
 de Tatersale . Ricardo de Ormesbi . Alano de Martuna . Roberto de  
 Funteneia . Gaufrido . de Langetuna . Gaufrido . Bertrami . filio . de  
 Snelleslund . Matheo filio Willelmi de Daubi .

Seal as appended to No. 188.

Endorsed: .I.I. [Vesp. E xviii. 141 b; Langwath II].

190

Harl. Chart. 47 F 46. A variant form of the previous charter.  
 (Circa 1180.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Robertus Calf ⁊  
 salutem . Sciatis me per bonam uoluntatem 7 concessionem . Nicholai .  
 Alani . 7 Hereberti . nepotum 7 heredum meorum concessisse . 7

<sup>1</sup> The word *Warini* is written in full, but looks like a later expansion of some contraction.

dedisse . 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci in perpetuam elemosinam totum dominicum . quod fuit Adelsi filii Bern' . de feodo Roberti . Marmiu' . in Ruchtuna . scilicet sex bouatas terre cum omnibus pertinentiis suis intra uillam 7 extra . in toftis . 7 croftis . in terra arabili . in prato 7 pastura . in bosco 7 plano . 7 nominatim Thorwde . ad claudendum 7 sartandum . 7 .xiiii. perticatas terre 7 bosci . ab occidente bosci . Aki . 7 Godefridi . 7 .ix. perticatas . in Burewde . 7 cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis . in brueriis . in móra . in introitibus 7 exitibus . in aquis . in uis 7 semitis . 7 molendino de Ruchtuna . cum stagno adiacente . 7 una piscaria in Widma . 7 cum consuetudine que dicitur Sinkermorláige . de quarta parte de Sinker' . que est de predicto dominico . 7 cum omnibus aliis rebus 7 asiamentis . Habendum . 7 tenendum . libere . 7 quiete . de omni seruicio 7 consuetudine . 7 omni exactione . sicut unquam ulla elemosina . liberius 7 quietius teneri potest . preter quod adquietabunt predictas sex bouatas de danegeld . 7 de Murdre . 7 de .iiii.<sup>or</sup> auxiliis uicecomitis . 7 si rex posuerit commune geldum per totum comitatum . tunc dabunt pro illis sex bouatis . quantum pertinet dare pro aliis sex bouatis . in eadem uilla . si non habuerint a domino rege quitantiam . de hiis rebus . Preterea dedi eis similiter in eadem uilla toftum illum iuxta le lund . quem Gillebertus tenuit . 7 est de feodo predicti Adelsi . in elemosinam . habendum . 7 tenendum libere 7 quiete de omni seruicio . 7 item in eadem uilla de Ruchtuna . dedi eisdem monachis . similiter in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . de eodem feodo illam bouatam terre quam Reginaldus albus tenuit . habendam 7 tenendam cum tofto adiacente 7 cum omnibus pertinentiis . intra uillam 7 extra . 7 nominatim cum consuetudine illa . que uocatur le Gátecorn' . libere 7 quiete pro tribus solidis annuatim reddendis . pro omni seruicio . Preterea concedo eis similiter in elemosinam 7 confirmo omnes commoditates operationum suarum in feodo de Ruchtuna . in edificiis 7 molendino de Sinker' . in trencatis 7 tacchamentis . 7 in omnibus aliis asiamentis . Omnia predicta tenebunt predicti monachi bene . 7 in pace . libere . 7 quiete de omni seruicio 7 consuetudine . 7 omni exactione . sicut predictum est . 7 ego 7 heredes mei . hec ita tenenda eis warantizabimus 7 adquietabimus . erga omnes homines . in perpetuum . 7 ego Robertus affidaui manu mea hoc totum tenendum . firmiter . 7 fideliter absque omni malo ingenio . 7 predicti nepotes 7 heredes mei . Nicholaus . Alanus . Herebertus . hoc ipsum similiter affidauerunt 7 iurauerunt . 7 in ipsa sua affidatione 7 sacramento posuerunt . quod ipsi 7 heredes eorum stabunt firmiter 7 fideliter sine omni malo ingenio cum ipsis monachis ubicumque eis

necesse fuerit ad expensas ipsorum monachorum : ad omnia predicta eis warantizanda . 7 defensanda : contra omnes homines inperpetuum . Testibus . Hereberto archidiacono . *Cantuariensi* . magistro Waltero de Léngges . Theodorico clerico . magistro Ricardo . de Wdeleia . Hugone . de Adintuna . Johanne clerico . Benedicto nepote sancti Thome . Thoma de Gahersta . Ricardo . Cúrsun' . Ricardo . Pancefot' . Willelmo de Capella . Helia . filio . Simonis . Reginaldo . de Ramesbiri . Petro de Fulefloda Daniele . marescallo . Helia de Chirituna . Warino capellano de Tatersale . Ricardo de Ormesbi . Alano de Martona . Roberto de Funteneia . Gaufrido de Langgetuna . Gaufrido filio Bertrami de Snelleslund . Matheo filio Willelmi de Daubi .

Seal as appended to No. 188.

Endorsed : Roberti nituli ( ? contemporary ) ·I·I·I [ Vesp. E xviii. 141 b ; Langwath III ].

## 191

**Harl. Chart. 47 F 48. Confirmation by Nicholas, Alan, and Herbert, *nepotes* and heirs of Robert Calf, to Kirkstead abbey of the whole gift of Robert their uncle in Roughton. (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis . presentibus 7 futuris . Nicholaus . Alanus . Herebertus . nepotes . 7 heredes Roberti Calf' salutem . Sciatis nos concessisse . 7 ex toto inperpetuum quietum clamasse . 7 hac nostra carta confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam . deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkstedda 7 monachis eiusdem loci : quicquid predictus Robertus . auunculus noster eis dedit in elemosinam in Ruchtuna . scilicet totum dominicum quod fuit Adelsi filii Bern' . de feodo Roberti Marmiun' . cum tofto 7 crofto iuxta le lund' . que Gillebertus tenuit . 7 que sunt de eodem dominico . 7 cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis . intra uillam 7 extra . 7 illam bouatam terre . quam Reginaldus albus tenuit cum tofto adiacente 7 cum omnibus pertinentiis . intra uillam 7 extra . 7 omnes commoditates operationum suarum in feodo eiusdem uille de Ruchtuna . in edificiis 7 molendino de Sinker' . in trencatis . 7 tacchamentis 7 in omnibus aliis rebus 7 asiamentis . ut ipsi monachi habeant 7 teneant omnia predicta . libere . 7 quiete . de omni seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione . sicut carte eiusdem Roberti . quas monachi inde habent testantur : sine ulla retractatione . calumpnia . reclamatione . uel contradictione . quod unquam inde facere possimus . neque nos . neque heredes nostri . neque homo aliquis per nos . 7 hoc totum affidauius 7 iurauimus tenendum firmiter 7 fideliter sine omni malo ingenio . 7 quod nos 7 heredes nostri stabimus cum ipsis monachis . ad expensas ipsorum .



ad hec omnia illis defensanda ⁊ warrantizanda contra omnes homines ⁊ in perpetuum . Testibus . Laurentio . diacono de Scamelebi . in cuius manu facta est affidatio . Hugone clerico de Scamelesbi . Gilleberto clerico de Túmbi . Roberto de Funteneia . Alano de Martuna . Willelmo de Barkewrd . Alano de Ákgetorp . Willelmo de Horsintuna . Herui de Horsintuna . Gaufrido . filio Bertrami . de Snelleslund

Two seals and tag for third. (1) Oval, trace of ornament, SIGILLVM H; (2) fragment only.

Endorsed : .VI. [Vesp. E xviii. 142 b; Langwath VI].

## 192

**Harl. Chart. 55 F 5.** Grant by Walter son of Godric of Roughton to Kirkstead abbey of four selions in Roughton. (Late Henry II.)

Notum sit omnibus presentibus ⁊ futuris quod ego Walterus filius Godrici de Ructuna dedi ⁊ concessi ⁊ hac mea carta confirmaui deo ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkestede ⁊ monachis eiusdem loci in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam .iiii. seliones in campis de Ructuna scilicet .ii. seliones proximos bercarie monachorum eorundem ex australi parte ⁊ .ii. ex orientali parte de Fuchlescroft habendos ⁊ tenendos libere ⁊ quiete ⁊ honorifice sine omni seruitio ⁊ consuetudine ⁊ omni exactione . ⁊ ego ⁊ heredes mei acquietabimus ⁊ warrantizabimus predictam terram de omnibus rebus ⁊ seruitiis ad opus ipsorum monachorum contra omnes homines in perpetuum . ⁊ hanc donationem firmiter ⁊ fideliter tenendam affidaui in manu Roberti Calf . Testibus . ipso Roberto . Calf . Roberto de Hattune . Gilleberto Noreis . Waltero . de Bartuna . Thoma de Walderseelf . Henrico de Lecertuna . Thori carpentario . Vmfrido clerico . Roberto de Apulia . Gilleberto scere-wind . Waltero Lumbardo.

'Carta duplex' . written on upturned foot of charter.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : :xxxvii: [not entered in cartulary]; Superhabundantia (fifteenth century).

## 193

**Harl. Chart. 53 H 11.** Grant by Walter son of Godric of Roughton to Kirkstead abbey of four selions in Roughton, with a quitclaim of his right in other land in that neighbourhood. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus ⁊ futuris Walterus filius Godrici de Ructun salutem . Sciatis me concessisse ⁊ dedisse ⁊ hac

mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkstedā 7 monachis eiusdem loci in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . iii<sup>or</sup> . seliones terre in campis de Ructun . scilicet duos seliones . proximos bercarie ipsorum monachorum ex australi parte . 7 duos seliones . ex orientali parte de Fuchlescroft . 7 preterea . quicquid unquam iuris ego 7 antecessores mei habuimus uel clamauius in terra illa que iacet inter abbatiam de Kyrkstedā 7 Stikeswaldam 7 uadit in latum á trencato monachorum uersus aquilonem usque ad uiam que ducit ad Widmam . 7 in longum ex westparte á molendino de Sinker . usque ad Widmam . 7 ex estparte . quantum refullum stagni ipsius molendini durat . ut habeant 7 teneant omnia predicta libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice . sine omni seruicio seculari 7 consuetudine 7 exactione . 7 omni reclamacione mei uel heredum meorum . 7 ego 7 heredes mei acquietabimus 7 warantizabimus omnia prenomina de omnibus rebus 7 seruiis ad opus ipsorum monachorum . erga omnes homines . in perpetuum . 7 hoc totum ita firmiter 7 fideliter eis tenendum . 7 warantizandum . affidui sine omni malo ingenio . in manu Roberti Calf . Testibus . ipso Roberto Calf . Roberto de Hattun . Gilleberto Norreis . Waltero de Bartuna . Thoma de Walderseelf . Henrico . de Lecertun . Thori carpentario . Vmfrido clerico . Roberto de Apulia . Gilleberto . Scerewind . Waltero . Lumbardo . Michaelē monacho . Simone monacho . Turolde coruersario . Roberto . Hamundo . Roberto . fratre meo conuerso de Kirkesteda . cum quo istam donationem eis feci.

Fragment of seal.

Endorsed : .XIX. 9 [Vesp. E xviii. 145 ; Langwath XIX].

#### 194

**Cott. Chart. xii. 52.** Grant by William son of John of Mareham le Fen to Kirkstead abbey of the meadow called Dunnesdaile in Roughton. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Willelmus filius Johannis de Maringa . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta in perpetuam elemosinam confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkstedā 7 monachis eiusdem loci . pratum illud quod dicitur Dúnnesdáile . in territorio de Ruchtuna 7 computatur pro .x<sup>com</sup> . acris Habendum 7 tenendum libere 7 quiete de omni seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione . sicut unquam ulla elemosina liberius 7 quietius teneri potest . 7 ego 7 heredes mei hoc ita eis tenendum warantizabimus 7 ad opus ipsorum monachorum adquietabimus de omnibus rebus 7 seruiis erga omnes homines . in perpetuum . 7 si euenit quod ego uel heredes<sup>1</sup> mei hoc eis warantizare non poterimus .

<sup>1</sup> An unnecessary *h* is inserted here between two dots.

dabimus eis excambium ad uallantiam . terre uel prati . in campis de Maringa . 7 hoc totum affidaui manu mea firmiter tenendum 7 fideliter absque omni malo ingenio : in manu Radulfi filii Brieni . Testibus eodem . Radulfo . Simone de Swabi . Willelmo . de Wilkesbi . Roberto Calf . Gaufrido filio Bertram de Snelleslund . Hereberto de Oxecúmb . Simone le tanur' de Kýma . Hamone de Brantzuna . Matheo de Dálbi . Roberto de Germundtorpa.

Seal : fantastic animal. SIGILLV WILLELMI DE MARIGE.

Endorsed : .XXII. [not entered in cartulary]; Ructona (fifteenth century).

## 195

Harl. Chart. 55 F 6. Grant by Salomon of Roughton to the monks of Kirkstead of a selion in Roughton. (Late twelfth century.)

Traces of CYROGRAPHVM cut irregularly

Sciant omnes presentes 7 futuri quod ego Salomon de Ructona . concessi 7 dedi 7 presenti carta confirmaui deo 7 monachis sancte Marie de Kirkesteda unum selionem in campis de Ructona ex nord parte curtis ubi bercarie eorundem monachorum ponebantur . iuxta selionem quem dedit eis Reinaldus albus proximum curti eorum . 7 ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predictis monachis predictum selionem ut habeant 7 teneant eum libere 7 quiete 7 quiete (*sic*) in perpetuam elemosinam . Testibus . persona uille eiusdem Petro . 7 Johanne fratre eius . Vmfredo . Gilleberto scorewind . Waltero filio Godrici . Reinaldo filio Tori . Adam de Pulle . Warino.

Fragment of seal. Conventional flower of five petals. SIG . . . . .  
MON . . D . . . .

Endorsed : xlv [Vesp. E xviii. 148 b ; Langwath XLV].

## 196

Harl. Chart. 58 B 43. Acknowledgement by William son of Alan of Woodhall that he owes a pound of pepper yearly to the infirmary of the monks of Kirkstead for the quarter of Roughton mill which he holds of them. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis Willelmus filius Alani de Wudehalla salutem . Sciatis quod ego debeo infirmitorio monachorum de Kyrke-stede unam libram piperis singulis annis reddendam á me 7 ab heredibus meis in die festo apostolorum Petri 7 Pauli scilicet pro quarta parte molendini de Ructun quam teneo de eis sicut carta mea



testatur quam habeo de eis . Et ego 7 heredes mei reddemus eis prefatam libram piperis ad prefatum terminum in perpetuum . Testibus . R. abbate de Topeholm . Thoma canonico de Topeholm . Willelmo de Fuletebi . Ricardo de Bardenai . Alano de Martun . Eudone de Wadingwrd . Johanne clerico de Wudehalla . Willelmo de Harintun ;

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6542.]

Endorsed: Carta Willelmi de Wdehalla de una libra piperis (? contemporary). .i.<sup>1</sup>

## 197

**Harl. Chart. 55 F 7.** Grant by John son of Solomon of Roughton to Roger son of Simon of the same place of meadow there, sixteen 'perticatae' in breadth. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Johannes filius Salomonis de Rugtona concessi 7 dedi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui concessu 7 consensu Agnetis uxoris mee Rogero filio Simonis de Rugtona 7 heredibus suis in pratis de Rugtona xvi. perticatas in latitudine que iacent inter pratum Walteri filii Godrici 7 pratum Reginaldi filii Thori 7 buttant in estcapite super Brakenhille 7 in westcapite super Norteroftum quod fuit Hanke ad habendum 7 tenendum de me 7 heredibus meis in feodo 7 hereditate libere 7 quiete reddendo annuatim mihi 7 heredibus meis unum obolum ad pascha in uilla de Rugtona pro omni seruicio 7 omni exaccione Et ego Johannes 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predictas .xvi. perticatas prati in latitudine predicto Rogero 7 heredibus suis pro tali seruicio supradicto contra omnes homines inperpetuum . Hiis testibus Petro persona de Rugtona . Henrico de Langetona . Rogero de Dauderbi clerico . Alano filio Hugonis de Torrentona . Radulfo de Maringa . Vmfrido de Rugtona . Waltero filio Godrici . Reginaldo filio Thori . Gilberto scorewint . Willelmo pastore . Willelmo forestario . Willelmo Lumbart 7 multis aliis.

Slit for seal tag.

No endorsement.

## 198

**Harl. Chart. 58 B 44.** Grant and quitclaim by Roland of Woodhall to Kirkstead abbey of his whole demesne wood and essart in Roughton, and of whatever he claimed against that house in various parcels of land, &c., in that neighbourhood. (1196-1198.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Rolandus

<sup>1</sup> This charter is indexed as No. i in a list of charters relating to the infirmary of Kirkstead (Vesp. E xviii. 212), but is not transcribed.

de Wudehalla salutem . Sciatis omnes me concessisse ⁊ quieta clammasse<sup>1</sup> ⁊ hac mea carta confirmasse deo ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkesteda ⁊ monachis eiusdem loci in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam omnia subscripta . scilicet totum dominicum boscum suum ⁊ sartum in Ructona . Et quicquid clamabam uersus eos inter Theueswang ⁊ Widmam scilicet conductum fontis de Sinker . ⁊ exaltationem molendini ⁊ stagni ⁊ uiuarii sui de Sinker . [et] ab eodem molendino de Sinker quicquid fossatis suis includitur . usque ad filum aque Widme . et quicquid clamabam uersus eos in Braken . et quicquid fossatis suis includitur ex estparte porte ueteris Dufwudde<sup>2</sup> usque ad Mikelgate . ⁊ ex westparte eiusdem porte quicquid fossatis includitur usque ad calcetam que uadit uersus moram . et quicquid iuris habui in Slatoft . cum fossato quod ipsum includit . et quicquid est de feodo meo infra clausum suum de Haraldehyaga . et duos seliones quos clamaui aduersus eos ante portam berkarie sue de Dufwuda . Hec omnia quieta clamaui ⁊ confirmaui eis in perpetuam elemosinam sine aliquo retinemento clamationis de me ⁊ heredibus meis . Hiis testibus Simone de Kima tunc uicecomite . Philippo filio Roberti . Raberto (*sic*) de Trehamtona . Willelmo de Haringtona . Willelmo de Wilgebi . Rogero de Tatersale . Alano de Aggetorp . Herueio de Horsintona . Johanne de Wudehalla . Petro de Ructona . Henrico de Wudehalla . Roberto de Funteneie . Johanne de Thimelbi . Alardo de [Lan]getona .

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : .XXXV. [not entered in cartulary].

## 199

**Cott. Chart. v. 76. Release by Alan of Rothwell to Kirkstead abbey of all his claim in Slatoft, and in any of the monks closes, and in Daw wood. (Late Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus ⁊ futuris Alanus de Rowella ⁊ salutem . Sciatis me concessisse . ⁊ ex toto quietum clammasse in perpetuam elemosinam deo ⁊ ecclesie sancte . Marie . de Kyrkesteda ⁊ monachis eiusdem loci . totum cláimum (*sic*) quod unquam habui in Slátófta ⁊ in aliquo clausorum ipsorum ⁊ in nouo ⁊ in ueteri Dúewda ⁊ siue de communione pasture siue aliunde . Totum eis quitum (*sic*) clamaui ⁊ presenti carta in liberam ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee ⁊ sponse mee . ⁊ omnium antecessorum nostrorum . confirmaui ⁊ sine ullo retinemento ⁊ reclamacione mei uel meorum ⁊ in perpetuum . Testibus . Thoma awnculo (*sic*) meo .

<sup>1</sup> MS. *clamasmasse*.

<sup>2</sup> A compendium runs through the second d.

Johanne ⁊ Iuone fratribus meis . Henrico de Wdehalla . Helto de Snelleslund . Gilleberto Flúri . Willelmo de Háutuna.

Seal : both device and legend almost illegible.

Endorsed : XXXVII [not entered in cartulary]; Doffwood (? fifteenth century).

## 200

**Cott. Chart. xxix. 31. Grant by Alan of Rothwell to Kirkstead abbey of one bovate in Buckland. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis . presentibus ⁊ futuris Alanus de Rowella salutem . Sciatis me concessisse ⁊ dedisse ⁊ hac mea carta confirmasse deo ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkstedda ⁊ monachis eiusdem loci in perpetuam elemosinam illam bouatam terre in Böklánde que fuit Wigót . habendam ⁊ tenendam cum omnibus que ad eandam bouatam pertinent [infra ui]llam ⁊ extra . libere ⁊ quiete de omni seruicio consuetudine ⁊ omni exactione sicut unquam ulla [elemosina melius ⁊ quietius teneri potest] . Et ego ⁊ heredes mei hanc bouatam warantizabimus ipsis monachis [⁊ de] nostro tenemento<sup>1</sup> alio<sup>1</sup> adquietabimus ad opus ipsorum monachorum de omnibus rebus ⁊ seruiciis contra omnes homines inperpetuum . Testibus Samsone decano de Rowella . Thoma de Langgetuna . ⁊ Roberto filio eius . magistro Anketino de Hornecástra . Iohanne ⁊ Iuone fratribus meis . Willelmo ⁊ Adam filiis meis . Gaufrido de Langgetuna.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : XXXI [not entered in cartulary].

## 201

**Harl. Chart. 50 A 43. Grant by Roger son of Godric to Kirkstead abbey of a croft in Coningsby. (Circa 1200.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus ⁊ futuris Rogerus filius Goddrici salutem . Sciatis me per consilium ⁊ bonam uoluntatem Mateline uxoris mee concessisse ⁊ dedisse ⁊ presenti carta confirmasse deo ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie ⁊ monachis de Kirkestede in elemosinam ⁊ feudum firmam in territorium (*sic*) de Cunighesbi totum croftum quod dicitur Colebrandi cum fossatis que illud includunt . habendum ⁊ tenendum libere ⁊ quiete reddendo inde mihi ⁊ heredibus meis annuatim quatuor denarios ad quatuor terminos scilicet unum denarium ad natale domini ⁊ unum denarium ad pascha ⁊ unum denarium ad

<sup>1</sup> Signs are inserted to show that *alio* should come before *tenemento*.



festum sancti Botulfi 7 unum denarium ad festum sancti Michaelis 7 per tantum quieti erunt predicti monachi de omnibus rebus 7 seruitiis 7 omnibus exactionibus Et ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predictis monachis totum predictum croftum cum fossatis in perpetuum ita tenendum . Et sciendum quod ego Rogerus 7 Matelina uxor mea affidaui in manu Roberti hominis abbatis quod nunquam per nos neque per alium hominem mouebimus aliquam calumpniam erga predictos monachos unde sint perdentes aliquid de predicto crofto <sup>1</sup> uel disturbati in aliquo Huius rei testes sunt Osbertus de Cunighesbi Osgotus de Cunighesbi Robertus homo abbatis Willelmus filius Roberti Gilebertus frater eius . Henricus filius Eudonis Robertus filius Ernaldi Robertus filius Tori Walterus de Nordfolc.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed : (1) deleatur ista quia terram illam non habemus (thirteenth century). (2) :xlvi<sup>a</sup> : [Vesp. E xviii. 139 b. This charter is indexed among the Langwath charters with the note : *Ista carta deleta est quia non habemus terram illam*].

## 202

**Harl. Chart. 56 H 9. Grant by Hugh son of Eudo to Kirkstead abbey of half the arable and meadow of his demesne in Great Sturton. (Circa 1140-1150.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Francis 7 Anglis Hugo filius Eudonis salutem . Notum uobis sit quod ego per concessum 7 uoluntatem Roberti filii mei 7 heredis concessi 7 dedi deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkesteda 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus totum dimidium dominii mei de Stretuna in terra arabili 7 totum dimidium prati dominii mei eiusdem uille . Set quia culture illius mei dominii iacent mixte inter terras hominum meorum 7 monachi uolunt habitare ab aliis remoti : ideo congregaui terram dominii mei 7 terram hominum meorum in extremitate camporum uersus Minthinges et dedi illam monachis insimul habendam . 7 dedi hominibus meis de Stretuna escambium de terra dominii mei pro parte sua terre quam habebant : ad libitum eorum . Totam autem terram que iacet ab exteriori meta culture de Thirna usque ad metam de Baenburch . 7 ab eadem meta usque ad metam Northstretune 7 sicut predictae mete uadunt usque ad metam de Minthinges : totum hoc do monachis pro dimidio dominii mei de Stretuna . set quia terra ista erat deterior : ideo dedi illis amplius . Omnem terram infra predictas metas do eis preter tantum prati quantum habent homines mei in Domedala . Dedi etiam eis communem

<sup>1</sup> The *r* is interlined ; *tofto* had originally been written.

pasturam predictae uille ⁊ omnia asiamenta uiarum ⁊ semitarum . Et similiter concessi eis et dedi quicquid est de feodo meo infra curtem molendini sui super Beinam . ⁊ quicquid est de feodo meo in stagno molendini illius . ⁊ á stagno usque ad ueterem Beinam ⁊ quicquid Radulfus presbiter de Tateshala dedit eis de terra sua . Omnia predicta dedi deo ⁊ monachis predictis in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam libere ⁊ quiete ab omni seculari seruicio ⁊ consuetudine ⁊ omni exactione pro salute mea ⁊ heredum meorum ⁊ omnium antecessorum meorum . Teste Alano de Creun . Waltero ⁊ Andrea filiis meis . Gaufrido presbitero . Hugone Tirolf . Petro filio Wigan . Gaufrido Iugan . Herberto de Waingwurda . magistro Camerario . Radulfo filio Jernagoti . Rogero Pictauensi . Richero . Wilhelmo Tusel . Alano filio Gaufridi . ⁊ multis aliis.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5953.]

No early endorsement [Vesp. E xviii. 158 ; Sturton I].

## 203

**Harl. Chart. 54 B 7. Grant by Gilbert de Nouilla to Kirkstead abbey of sixteen acres of arable in Great Sturton. (Circa 1150-1160.)**

Notum sit omnibus sancte dei ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Gillebertus de Nouilla concessi ⁊ dedi ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkesteda ⁊ conuentui ibidem deo seruienti .xvi. acras de terra arabili in campis Stratonie in elemosina pro salute anime mee ⁊ uxoris mee ⁊ omnium antecessorum meorum . reddendo de eadem terra singulis annis mihi uel meis heredibus ad festum sancti Michaelis de consuetudine .xii. denarios . omnibus aliis seruitiis secularibus ⁊ consuetudinibus quietis . Hanc concessionem ⁊ donationem predictam dedi concessu ⁊ bona uoluntate Gaufridi filii mei qui est heres meus ⁊ aliorum heredum meorum . ⁊ nominatim concessu Roberti de Cheinei episcopi Lincolie . ⁊ diuise de eadem terra inter hanc elemosinam ⁊ aliam elemosinam . His testibus Gaufrido filio meo ⁊ Wilhelmo ⁊ Galtero fratribus eius . Gilleberto de Salcisamara . Adam filio Ernisi . Wilhelmo filio Roberti . Johanne filio Mile . Osberto de Burada Galtero de Neteltuna . Euerardo sacerdote de Ansgotabi.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6270.]

Endorsed : XII [Vesp. E xviii. 159 ; Sturton XII] ; de sexdecim acris terre arabilis in Stretton (fifteenth century).

**Harl. Chart. 57 B 7. Grant by Robert son of Simon of Tumbly to Kirkstead abbey of half a fishery and certain land and meadow in and near Tumbly. (Henry II.)**

Notum sit omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris quod ego Robertus filius Simonis de Tumbi concessi 7 dedi deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede . 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus dimidiam piscariam de Troholm . 7 quinque acras terre in campis de Tumbi iuxta Ouregatam . 7 communem pasturam per totos campos 7 territorium infra diuisas de Tumbi . et sex acras prati scilicet magnum Briggeholm . Hec omnia predicta concessi 7 dedi deo 7 ecclesie de Kirkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci pro salute mea . 7 pro animabus patris 7 matris me[e] 7 pro animabus omnium antecessorum 7 omnium amicorum meorum tam uiuorum quam defunctorum in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam per hanc meam cartam 7 sigillum libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione . Et hoc feci per concessionem 7 uoluntatem domini mei Roberti filii Hugonis . His testibus Gaufrido capellano de Tateshala 7 Gilleberto clerico de Driebe . Ricardo nepote meo . Alberico filio Gernagoti<sup>1</sup> . Hinganto . Roberto de Tumbi . Simone de Strattuna . 7 Gaufrido Iugant . 7 Alano filio eius . Gaufrido Boterel.<sup>2</sup>

Seal: animal biting its tail. + SIGILLVM ROBERTI FILII SIMONIS.

Endorsed: .IIII. [Vesp. E xviii. 2; Abbacia IIII]; Tumbly (fifteenth century).

**Cott. Chart. xvi. 37. Confirmation by Adeliz countess of Northampton to Kirkstead abbey of the gift by Ralf son of Gilbert of his whole demesne and twenty-six bovates in Scampton. (Early Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis 7 fidelibus tam presentibus quam futuris .A. comitissa Norhamtunie filia Gilleberti Comes Lincolie salutem . Notum sit uobis me concessisse 7 confirmasse donationem quam Radulfus filius Gilleberti fecit deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci de terra de Schamtuna cum omnibus

<sup>1</sup> This word is corrected unintelligibly.

<sup>2</sup> The last name divided from the preceding by the seal tag.



pertinentiis suis . uidelicet totum dominium prenominatē uille . 7 xxvi. bouatas terre cum omnibus adiacentiis suis in elemosinam liberam sicut carta prefati Radulfi testatur . 7 sicut carta patris mei Gilleberti comitis Li[ncolie] confirmat . Hanc elemosinam [pro] salute anime mee . patris mei 7 antecessorum meorum 7 pro salute sponsi mei Simonis comitis warantizabo . His testibus . Waltero abbate de Bardeneia . Gode[frido] priore . Waltero capellano de Bardeneia . Philippo dapifero . Simone fratre eius . Herberto constabulario . Rogero de Benigworda . Willelmo de Wella . Gaufrido filio . . . Hugone filio Radulfi . Matheo [de] Benigworda . In testimonio confirmationis . . . coram prenominatis testibus accepi de supradictis monachis x. aure[os].<sup>1</sup>

Seal : large and oval, much damaged, six chevrons visible.

Endorsed : VIII [Vesp. E xviii. 99 b ; Scampton VIII].

## 206

**Harl. Chart. 45 B 28. Grant by Helyas de Albeni to Kirkstead abbey of the meadow called Erlesholm in Scampton. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris. Helyas de Albeni. salutem Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci in perpetuam elemosinam totum pratum quod uocatur Erlesholm quod est in territorio de Scamtun . quicquid inde ad ius meum pertinuit sine omni retinemento 7 calumpnia . 7 uolo ut predicti monachi habeant 7 teneant ipsum pratum integre 7 plenarie 7 honorifice 7 libere 7 quiete de omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione . 7 hoc eis warantizabimus ego 7 heredes mei contra omnes homines in perpetuum . 7 hoc totum firmiter tenendum 7 absque omni malo ingenio affidauimus ego 7 Radulphus filius meus in manu Walteri de Basingham . Testibus . Ernaldo canonico de Neuhus . Willelmo capellano de Englebi . Simone Tolebeu Hugone de Heduna . Gilleberto de Scures . Willelmo de Fullotebi . Hugone filio Roberti hostricarii . Thoroldo de Neuilla . Gaufrido de Hachetorn . Fulcone de Castello . Jacobo Flاندrensi . Martino Martel Willelmo de Canewich.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5602.]

Endorsed : XVI 9 [Vesp. E xviii. 101 ; Scampton XVI].

<sup>1</sup> Much damaged by fire.

## 207

**Harl. Chart. 44 H 36.** Grant by Girard the prior and the convent of Norwich to Kirkstead abbey of their whole land of Scampton and Thorpe in the Fallows, for ten pounds of silver. (Circa 1175.)

Notum sit omnibus presentibus 7 futuris Christi fidelibus . quod ego Girardus prior totusque conuentus Norwicensis ecclesie concessimus ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede . 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus . totam terram nostram de Scamtona 7 de Torp cum omnibus pertinentiis suis de nobis in perpetuum tenendam 7 pro decem libris argenti . infra triduum post festum sancte Margarete in capitulo nostro reddendis . Si uero contigerit nos inde in placitum poni uel uexari 7 ipsi cum suo labore 7 expensis una nobiscum infra Angliam ad nostrum ius assequendum 7 onus sustinebunt . nichil tamen de suo pro terra illa impendentes 7 nisi quod ad proprias pertinet expensas . Nos autem eis predictam terram contra omnes homines warantizabimus . Et ut hec concessio nostra rata 7 inconcussa permaneat 7 presentis scripti munimine 7 sigilli Sancte Trinitatis auctoritate eam corroborauimus . Inde sunt testes Stangrimus archidiaconus . magister Nicolaus magister Thomas clericus decani Saresburiensis . Lodouicus clericus . Gaufridus clericus . Hamelinus de Gerdebur 7 Walterus nepos Lictwine.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed: XIII [Vesp. E xviii. 100 b; Scampton XIII]. Rogero abbati de xx<sup>ti</sup> bouatis terre (fifteenth century).<sup>1</sup> Schanton (fifteenth century).

## 208

**Harl. Chart. 43 I 17.** Confirmation of the above grant by John bishop of Norwich. (Circa 1175.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit 7 Johannes dei gratia Norwicensis episcopus 7 salutem in domino . Vniuersitati uestre notum esse uolumus 7 nos intuitu pietatis 7 fauore relligionis (*sic*) concessisse ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede 7 monachis ibidem deo famulantibus totam terram nostram de Scamtona 7 de Thorpa cum omnibus pertinentiis suis de nobis 7 ecclesia nostra in perpetuum tenendam pro decem libris argenti . annuatim infra triduum post festum sancte Margarete conuentui nostro Norwicensi in capitulo apud Norwiciam reddendis . sicut carta memorati capituli testatur . Volumus itaque 7 ut prescripti monachi de Kirkesteda

<sup>1</sup> There is what looks like a deletion after the first three letters of the abbot's name, and again before the *xx*.

teneant prefatam terram cum omnibus pertinentiis suis libere ⁊ quiete ⁊ per prenominatum seruicium . ⁊ nos eam quantum in nobis est ⁊ ipsis warentizabimus . Et ut hec nostra concessio perpetuam optineat firmitatem ⁊ eam presenti scripto ⁊ sigilli nostri appositione confirmamus . Testibus . Thoma archidiacono . magistro Reinero . magistro Jordano . magistro Nicholao . magistro Roberto de Waxtona . Lodouico decano . magistro Gaufrido de Hemelinga . magistro Waltero de Calna . Rannulfo capellano.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed: XV 9 [Vesp. E xviii. 101; Scampton XV]. Schamtona (fifteenth century).

## 209

**Harl. Chart. 44 H 37.** Letter from Girard the prior and the convent of Norwich to the sheriff of Lincoln informing him that the customs which belong to the sheriff's aid have never been due from the land in Scampton which they possess by the gift of Gilbert de Gant and which the abbot and convent of Kirkstead hold of them. (Late twelfth century.)

G . prior ⁊ conuentus Norwicensis uicecomiti *Lincolnie* ⁊ balliuis suis salutem . Significauerunt nobis dilecti ⁊ familiares nostri domnus abbas ⁊ conuentus de Kirchesteda . quod cum .x. libratas terre in Scamtona que ex dono Gileberti de Gant in liberam ⁊ quietam elemosinam ⁊ absque omni exactione ad nos pertinent eodem iure ⁊ libertate de nobis debebant possidere ⁊ uos nichilominus uoluntate magis quam ratione ducti ⁊ consuetudines quasdem quas ad auxilium uicecomitis dicitis pertinere ⁊ ab eis exigitis . Vnde ad noticiam uestram uolumus peruenire ⁊ nos quicquid iuris in terra illa ex predicti Gilberti ⁊ heredum suorum confirmatione . ⁊ regalis scripti attestacione habuimus ⁊ eisdem monachis sub annuo censu concessisse . nec unquam alicui predecessorum uestrorum uel alii de prenominata terra aliquid dedisse cum eam aliquandiu in manu nostra teneremus . uel dare debuisse . Valet.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 3763.]

No endorsement.

## 210

**Harl. Chart. 47 I 14.** Confirmation by Emma of Scampton, wife of Walter the chamberlain, to Kirkstead abbey of a small toft and meadow in Scampton. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis . Emma de Scantuna uxor Walteri



camerarii salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci quicquid est de feodo meo infra clausum suum ex est parte grangie de Scantuna . scilicet unum paruum toftum 7 pratum sicut carta Hugonis filii mei testatur quam inde habent . Et sciendum quod Walterus nepos meus 7 heres in testimonium hus (*sic*) donationis 7 confirmationis sigillum suum apposuit : quo 7 eandem confirmavit . Testibus ; Toroldo de Neuilla . Thoma filio meo . Roberto filio Agmundi . Walone de Karletona Ricardo filio Aelwardi . Reginaldo pedekin ;

Seal, much defaced.

Endorsed : .9. .XXIII. [Vesp. E xviii. 102 b ; Scampton xxiii].

## 211

**Harl. Chart. 47 I 15.** Notification by Hugh the chamberlain that he has pledged his faith in the hand of Thorold de Nevill to warrant to the monks of Kirkstead the alms which they hold of him in Scampton. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Hugo camerarius salutem . Sciatis quod affidaui in manu Thoroldi de Neuilla warantizare monachis de Kyrkesteda elemosinam quam de me tenent in Scantona sicut carta eorum testatur quam habent de me . 7 si forte non possem warantizare ego reddam prefatis monachis .ii. marcas argenti infra .xl. dies summonitionis eorum . Et heredes mei similiter fatient (*sic*) si non possint warantizare predictam elemosinam . Testibus . Toraldo de Neuilla . Alano decano . [Walo]ne de Karletun Willelmo de Karletun Willelmo de Lincolnia . Rainaldo pedekin.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : Hugo camerarius de terra sua nobis warantizanda .iii. (early thirteenth century)<sup>1</sup>. Scampton (fifteenth century).

## 212

**Harl. Chart. 47 I 16.** Confirmation by Walter the chamberlain, son of Hugh the chamberlain to Kirkstead abbey of the gift of two bovates in Scampton made by Emma, Hugh's grandmother. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Walterus camerarius filius Hugonis camerarii salutem Noueritis me concessisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede 7

<sup>1</sup> A charter of Hugh camerarius of Scampton is entered in Vesp. E xviii. 102, No. XX, but the present notification does not occur.

monachis eiusdem loci in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam illam donationem quam Emma aua mea fecit eisdem monachis de duabus bouatis terre in campis de Scamtuna sicut carta eiusdem Emma testatur quam inde monachi habent Testibus Toroldo de Neuilla Thoma auunculo meo Roberto filius (*sic*) Agmundi . Walone de Karletuna . Girardo de Salli . Ricardo filio Aelwardi Reginaldo pedeken ;

Fragment of seal tag.

Endorsed : 9. .XXVI. [Vesp. E xviii. 102 b ; Scampton xxvi].

## 213

**Harl. Chart. 54 G 2. Grant by Richard 'peildecerf' to Kirkstead abbey of his whole right in the land which he held of the monks of Norwich as two bovates in Thorpe in the Fallows and Scampton. (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus ⁊ futuris . Ricardus peildecerf salutem . Sciatis me concessisse ⁊ dedisse ⁊ omnino quietum clamasse deo ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede ⁊ monachis eiusdem loci in perpetuam elemosinam quicquid iuris habui ego . uel pater meus uel aliquis antecessorum meorum in terra quam uel ego tenui uel aliquis antecessorum meorum tenuit de monachis de Noruic pro duabus bouatis in territorio de Torp ⁊ de Scamtuna . ⁊ concedo ⁊ uolo ut ipsi monachi de Kirkestede habeant ⁊ teneant predictas duas bouatas cum omnibus pertinentiis suis intra uillam ⁊ extra uillam in toftis ⁊ croftis . in pratis ⁊ pasturis . in uiis ⁊ semitis . in introitibus ⁊ exitibus . ⁊ omnibus aliis rebus integre . ⁊ plenarie ⁊ honorifice . libere ⁊ quiete de omnibus rebus quantum ad me pertinet uel ad aliquem heredum meorum . Preterea dedi eis dimidiam acram terre lucrabilis ad occidentem de Brotland in elemosinam . Et ego ⁊ heredes mei warantizabimus ecclesie de Kirkestede omnia predicta erga omnes homines inperpetuum . Et hoc totum firmiter tenendum ⁊ absque omni malo ingenio affidauimus ego Ricardus peildecerf . ⁊ Robertus filius meus in manu Willelmi de Kirkestede qui habitat in Wickeforda . Testibus . Henrico superiore *Lincolniensi* . magistro Gilleberto de Ogerstan . Lif sacerdote . Roberto capellano de Torp . Ricardo clerico de Namnebi<sup>1</sup> ⁊ Toma filio eius . Thoma camerario . Thoma filio Wigodi . Willelmo Grîg de Torp.

Seal: device founded on two symmetrical knots. + SIGILLVM RICARDI . . LDECERF.

Endorsed : XVIII 9 [Vesp. E xviii. 101 b ; Scampton XVIII. 9].

<sup>1</sup> Plainly so written.

## 214

**Harl. Chart. 49 H 3.** Quitclaim by Beatrice widow of Joslan of Ingleby to the monks of Kirkstead of all her right in the land which her husband had given them in Thorpe in the Fallows. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Beatrix olim uxor Joslani de Engelbi salutem . Sciatis quod ego in propria potestate 7 uiduitate mea scilicet post mortem predicti . J. sponsi mei bono animo 7 spontanea uoluntate remisi 7 omnino quietum clamaui monachis de Kyrkestede omne ius 7 omnem calumpniam quam habui in terra de Torp quam prefatus sponsus meus antea dederat eis in elemosinam . Insuper concessi eis 7 hac mea carta confirmaui eandem terram cum omnibus pertinentiis suis scilicet que erat de dote mea Habendam 7 tenendam libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione sicut carta sepe dicti sponsi mei quam monachi inde habent testatur . Hanc concessionem feci eis nominatim pro .xx. solidis 7 una uacca quam dederunt mihi . 7 hoc totum eis firmiter tenendum affidaui in manu Edide uxoris Brienni de Welletun . 7 quod nunquam (*sic*) per me nec per alium mouebo eis aliquam calumpniam nec aliquam disturbance faciam unde sint perdentes aliquid de rebus predictis . Testibus . Petro filio Radulfi . 7 Symone fratre eius . Roberto de Crochestun . Warnero de Campania Hugone de Estou . 7 Joslino filio eius . Rogero de Treantona . Willelmo filio Philippi . Ascherino paildelu . 7 Editha uxore Brienni de Welletun . 7 Eua uxore Gocelini de Areici<sup>1</sup> . 7 Emma de la Kernel.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : XXI. 9. [Vesp. E xviii. 102 ; Scampton XXI], and unintelligible words in a much later hand.

## 215

**Harl. Chart. 44 E 54.** Grant by Richard the abbot and the convent of Kirkstead to Robert son of Thomas of lands in Scampton. (Late Henry II.)

R. abbas Kirkestede 7 conuentus eiusdem loci omnibus sancte ecclesie presentibus 7 futuris salutem . Sciatis nos concessisse 7 hac nostra carta confirmasse Roberto filio Thome tres bouatas terre in Scamtuna 7 unam culturam que uocatur Lincroft 7 terram que uocatur Riskeholm ad orientem de Lincroft . 7 unum selionem ad occidentem de Sudhil ad tenendum de nobis hereditarie pro una marca annuatim reddenda in manu sacriste de Kirkesteda ad luminare ecclesie

<sup>1</sup> The last three letters of this name are uncertain.



ad natiuitatem sancti Johannis baptiste . 7 tenebit ipse 7 heredes eius predictam terram libere 7 quiete de omnibus seruitiis faciendo predictum seruitium . 7 de auxilio uicecomitis quietus erit ipse 7 heredes eius . Testibus Willelmo presbitero de Astorp , Sýmone filio Alani decani de Brotelbi . Roberto filio Aumunt . Gaufrido de Hauthôr . Ricardo Busin de Lincolnia . Astino filio Ricardi de Scamtuna<sup>1</sup> Eilwardo de Scamtuna.

Fragment only of seal tag.

Endorsed : Schamton (fifteenth century).

(In the same hand as Nos. 213 and 225.)

## 216

**Harl. Chart. 51 G 16.** Grant by Simon of Horbling to Kirkstead abbey of the bovate in Reasby which remained in his hand when agreement was made between him and Walter of Welton in the matter of their duel, with a toft in the same place. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Simon de Horbling salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam unam bouatam terre in campis de Reresbi illam scilicet que remansit in manu mea quando concordia facta fuit inter me 7 Walterum de Welletona de duello nostro . Hanc bouatam habebunt monachi cum uno tofto quod fuit Aldelin figuli 7 cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in uilla 7 extra uillam in terra arabili 7 pratis in uiis 7 semitis in moris 7 mariscis in liberis introitibus 7 exitibus 7 communem pasturam per totos campos ad pecora sua 7 oues suas cum omnibus libertatibus quibus ego tenui eam reddendo mihi 7 heredibus meis annuatim tantum duos solidos pro omnibus rebus ad festum sancti Martini . Et ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus prefatis monachis omnia predicta contra omnes homines in perpetuum . Hanc donationem meam firmiter manutenendam 7 warantizandam affidaui in manu Rodberti presbiteri fratris Gilleberti de Gretwella . Testibus . eodem Roberto . Willelmo persona de Snelleslund . Heltone 7 Willelmo fratre eius . Thoma clerico de Snelleslund . Gaufrido filio Bertranni Hugone de Merle.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6118.]

Endorsed : Simon de Horblinch de una bouata in Reresbi. (circa 1200).  
<sup>11</sup>9 XIII [Vesp. E xviii. 110 ; Snelland XIII].

<sup>1</sup> Originally *Scamt'*. The final *on* is a later addition.

**Cott. Chart. v. 42.** Grant by William son of Eudo of Reasby to Kirkstead abbey of one selion in Reasby in exchange for another selion there. (Late twelfth century.)

Notum sit omnibus presentibus et futuris quod ego Willelmus filius Eudonis de Reresbi concessi 7 dedi 7 presenti scripto confirmaui deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie 7 monachis de Kirkestede unum selionem terre arabilis in campis de Reresbi in quarentena que dicitur Hielposhil 7 extenditur in orientem 7 occidentem usque in mariscum in excambium pro uno selione quem predicti monachi dederunt mihi ex australi parte Hielposhil 7 extenditur in sud et nord 7 quantum selio quem dedi eis est melior selione quem dederunt mihi totum dedi predictis monachis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam habendum 7 tenendum libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione in perpetuum Et ego 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus 7 acquietabimus predictis monachis totum predictum selionem contra omnes homines in perpetuum Testibus Helto de Snelleslund Willelmo clerico fratre eius Stephano filio Willelmo persone de Snelleslund . Gaufrido filio Bertrammi de Lund Lamberto fratre meo Luca filio Walteri de Steintuna ;

Seal: lys. SIGI . . . . WILELMI FILII EVONIS.

Endorsed: .lx. [Vesp. E xviii. 118 ; Snelland lx].

**Harl. Chart. 43 H 20.** Confirmation by Robert II bishop of Lincoln to Kirkstead abbey of the lands held of his fee in Great Sturton, Swinethorpe, and Dunholme. (Circa 1160.)

. R. dei gratia Lincoliensis episcopus uniuersis Catholice ecclesie filiis salutem 7 dei benedictionem . Que in luce facta sunt dei fidelibus nota fieri nequaquam est formidandum . Ea propter uniuersitati omnium dignum duximus innotescere per presentes nos pro nobis 7 successoribus nostris unanimi uoluntate 7 communi assensu capituli nostri concessisse 7 confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 dilectis nostris monachis de Kyrkesteda . in liberam . puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam quicquid habent de feudo nostro 7 ecclesie in uilla 7 in territorio de Norhtstreton ex dono Johannis de Neuila 7 antecessorum eius . 7 quicquid habent ex dono 7 concessione Hugonis de Merla 7 antecessorum eius in uilla 7 in territorio de Sunetorpa . 7 quicquid habent de feodo nostro in uilla 7 in territorio de Dunham . 7 eciam quicquid habent ex dono 7 feofamento aliorum hominum

quorumcunque 7 ubicumque de feodo nostro et ecclesie nostre tenencium . Habenda 7 tenenda omnia predicta cum omnibus pertinenciis suis dictis monachis 7 eorum successoribus . libere . quiete . bene 7 pacifice . ita quod nec nos nec successores nostri nec balliui successorum nostrorum pro tenementis que dicti monachi de feodo nostro 7 ecclesie nostre habent aliquod homagium . scutagium . auxilium . fidelitatem . ius . seruicium uel clameum exigere poterimus de eisdem in perpetuum . *set* teneant omnia predicta absque omni seculari seruicio consuetudine 7 demanda sicut aliqua elemosina liberius 7 quocius teneri potest uel haberi . Huius rei testes sunt . Humfridus subdecanus . Willelmus filius Osberti archidiaconus . Rogerus . de Ameri precintor (*sic*) . Martinus thesaurarius . Rogerus . paruus . magister Petrus . magister Malger . 7 multi alii.

Tags for two seals.

Endorsed : .XV. [Vesp. E xviii. 110 ; Snelland XV is a confirmation by bishop Robert of the gift by Hugh de Merle his man in Swinethorpe. But this charter, witnessed by abbots A. of Vaudey, P. of Revesby, and Ralf of Louth Park, is not identical with the present text, of which there is no trace in the cartulary. It is probable that this text is a later copy of the bishop's charter.]

## 219

**Harl. Chart. 47 I 8. Confirmation by Stephen son of Herbert chamberlain of the king of Scots to Kirkstead abbey of the lands and pastures in Swinethorpe and Snelland given by Gregory. (January 31, 1160.)**

Notum sit omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis quod ego Stephanus filius Hereberti camerarii regis Scotie 7 heredes mei concedimus 7 confirmamus deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie Kirkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci in perpetuam elemosinam donationem quam Gregorius fecit eis de terris 7 pasturis in campis de Suntorp 7 Snelleslund . scilicet dimidiam carrucatam terre lucrabilis in campis Suntorp de nostro feodo per perticam eiusdem uille unamquamque bouatam de .x. acris annis singulis seminandam . 7 tantum prati quantum pertinet ad dimidiam carrucatam terre in eisdem campis . 7 managi[um] ad faciendas domus suas cum omnibus que ad predictam terram pertinent . 7 pasturam [in cam]pis de Suntorp 7 Snelleslund ad quingentas oues per maius centum . 7 ad [.xl. animalia campe]stria 7 ad animalia que terram [lucrabu]ntur . *set* non habebunt maiorem numerum [pecorum ibidem nisi] per assensum meum . Omnia predicta concedimus eis 7 confirmamus in [elemosinam ut dictum est per idem] seruicium 7 per



easdem [libertates] quas continet carta Gregorii quam habent<sup>1</sup>. [Hoc autem uos] scire uolumus quod si forte Gregorius uel eius heredes defecerint in faciendo [mihi uel meis]<sup>2</sup> heredibus seruicium pro terra predicta [non] disturbabimus pro eo neque capiemus pecuniam monachorum . set recognoscemus nos ad aliud feodum quod Gregorius uel eius heredes tenent de me uel meis heredibus Et hoc factum fuit in ecclesia omnium sanctorum de Beningworda ultima die mensis Januarii in anno incarnationis domini . M.C.L.ix. coram his testibus Willelmo presbitero de Wllingham . 7 Willelmo clerico de Snelleslund . [7] Philippo de Kima . 7 Rogero de Beningworda . 7 Philippo filio Rabodi . 7 Simone de Scamlesbi . 7 Waltero filio Ernaldi . 7 Anfrido de Sottebi . 7 Rogero de Ormesbi . 7 Waltero Foliot.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed: Stephanus ca . . . . . (circa 1200). VII 9 [Vesp. E xviii. 109; Snelland VII].

## 220

**Harl. Chart. 56 C 49. Grant by Bertram of Snelland to Kirkstead abbey of all that belongs to his fee in the marsh of Snelland, and one selion of arable. (Before 1187.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris : Bertram de Snelleslund salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci in elemosinam quicquid est de feodo meo in marisco de Snelleslund . scilicet unum selionem qui iacet ex westparte tofti qui fuit Ricardi haribrun 7 uadit uersus le nord . 7 ex Nordparte ipsius scilicet unum alium selionem qui uadit uersus le west quantum quarentana durat . 7 duos seliones qui uadunt de profundo fossati crofti qui fuit Radulfi de Hoilande uersus nord quantum mariscum durat 7 unum selionem qui uadit de curte Radulfi clerici uersus le west quantum quarentana durat 7 si quid amplius inueniri potest de feodo meo in ipso marisco totum dedi eis in elemosinam . 7 preterea unum selionem terre arabilis qui iacet proximus uille de Snelleslund . ex est parte uille 7 uadit 7 uadit (*sic*) de curte Radulfi clerici uersus le sud usque

<sup>1</sup> This charter, dated 1159, is entered Vesp. E xviii. 109; Snelland VI. The liberties in question are expressed in the clause ' . . set sciendum quod acquietabunt istam terram de danegeld 7 de mundra 7 de iiii adiutoriis uiccomitis 7 de communi geldo . preter scutagium 7 exercitum nam non damus ista pro aliqua terrarum nostrarum '.

<sup>2</sup> The cartulary gives *mihi uel heredibus meis*, but the hole in the charter is too big to be filled by *mihi uel*.

ad Sudheuedland habendum pro dimidia acra . Hec omnia concessi <sup>1</sup>  
 7 dedi eisdem monachis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam ad habendum 7 tenendum 7 claudendum fossato 7 faciendum inde quicquid uoluerint libere 7 honorifice 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione sicut ulla elemosina liberius teneri potest . Et hec omnia warentizabimus (*sic*) eis ego 7 heredes mei sicut elemosinam nostram contra omnes homines in perpetuum Hanc etiam donationem affidaui legitime in manu Willelmi persone de Snelleslund ego 7 dominus meus Helto ad warentizandum (*sic*) illam predictam terram nos 7 heredes nostri contra omnes homines 7 ego Helto confirmaui illam predictam terram sigillo meo 7 libere concessi tenendam 7 habendam sicut donatio 7 presens pagina testatur . Hii sunt testes . Willelmus persona de Snelleslund Elias sacerdos Radulfus sacerdos . Radulfus clericus Willelmus clericus . Willelmus frater Heltonis . Helto Ricardus francus Thomas filius Bigot Hugo filius Elredi de Tor-netona.

Two seals : 1. Animal. + S . . LLVM BERTERAM DE STELLESLN.  
 2. Bird, legend obliterated.

Endorsed : XXIII [Vesp. E xviii. 112 ; Snelland XXIII].

## 221

**Harl. Chart. 56 D 1. Confirmation by Geoffrey son of Bertram of Snelland to Kirkstead abbey of the land of his father's gift in Snelland, and grant of one selion there. (Late twelfth century.)**

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Gaufridus filius Bertranni de Snelleslund concessi 7 dedi 7 hac mea carta confirmaui deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam totam terram quam pater meus dedit illis infra clausum suum quem habent in Snelleslund 7 preterea unum selionem propinquiorem predictae uille ex est parte 7 extenditur á curia Radulfi clerici usque ad foreram Heltonis . Preterea ex mea donatione propria unum selionem ex west parte predicti clausi 7 extenditur in longum á predicto clauso uersus fossatum ex nord parte crucis . 7 receperunt predictum selionem pro dimidia acra per percam .xviii. pedum quantumcunque in eo contineatur . Istam donationem 7 predictam confirmationem feci illis pro salute mea 7 antecessorum meorum in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam 7 warantizabo 7 acquietabo eas contra omnes homines in perpetuum ut teneant omnia predicta libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 omni ex-

<sup>1</sup> Original, *concessie*, with final *e* marked for deletion.

actione . Et hec omnia fideliter tenenda affidaui in manu Heltonis domini mei . *set* 7 Helto dominus meus hanc cartam meam confirmauit 7 in signum confirmationis sue huic carte mee sigillum suum apposuit . Testibus Radulfo sacerdote Randie . Henrico de Hedenham . Willelmo fratre Heltonis . Ricardo franco Thoma filio Pigot de Staintona .

Two seal tags.

Endorsed: Gaufridus filius *Bretrammi* (early thirteenth century). XXVI. 9. [Vesp. E xviii. 112 b; Snelland XXVI]. Snellesland (fifteenth century).

## 222

**Harl. Chart. 50 A 22.** Confirmation by Geoffrey son of Bertram to Kirkstead abbey of all that his father had given in the marsh of Snelland, and grant by the same of eight acres of arable there. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Gaufridus filius Bertrann salutem . Sciatis me concessisse et hac mea carta confirmasse [deo 7] ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci in puram et perpetuam elemosinam [omnem donacionem] patris mei scilicet quicquid dedit eis in marisco de Snelleslunda infra [fossatum] 7 extra [7 i selionem propinquiorem] predictae uille ex est parte . 7 extenditur á curia Radulfi [clerici] usque [ad foreram] Heltonis . [sicut carta illius testatur quam] inde habent monachi . 7 insuper ex propria mea donacione concessi [7 dedi 7] hac [mea carta confirmaui eisdem] monachis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam octo acras [terre lucrabilis in campis predictae uille per perticam xviii pedum scilicet .i. selionem ex est parte propinquiorem iiii selionibus quos habent de Radulfo de] Hoilanda [super Cantelap . 7 .i. selionem qui] extenditur á west porta grangie usque ad [crucem] ad liberum egressum 7 ingressum [7 .i. selionem] in eadem quarentena ex sud parte predicti selionis . quibusdam selionibus inter[iacentibus 7 item .i. selionem in eadem] quarantena alibi . 7 duos seliones qui extenduntur ab Ailespith usque ad diuisam de Westladebi propiniores duobus selionibus quos habent de Radulfo de Hoilanda unum ex nord parte 7 unum ex sud parte . 7 iterum unum selionem in Kirkedale ex est parte duorum selionum quos habent de Radulfo de Hoilanda 7 unum ex west parte eorundem selionum . 7 duos seliones ex west parte selionum<sup>1</sup> quos habent de Willelmo persona iuxta diuisam de Westladebi 7 extenditur (*sic*) usque ad diuisam de Fulnathebi . cum prato adiacente ad capita eorundem selionum . 7 duos seliones super le Riding ex sud parte

<sup>1</sup> From *selione*.



medie daile quam habent de Heltone . 7 hos xii seliones dedi predictis monachis pro octo acris siue plus siue minus fuerit in eis ita ut nec ego nec aliquis heredum meorum unquam possit subtrahere aliquid de hiis xii selionibus . Preterea concessi 7 dedi 7 confirmaui in elemosinam predictis monachis communem pasturam in campis eiusdem uille de Snelleslunda quantum pertinet ad tantumdem terram de libero feodo meo . 7 ut habeant [7 teneant omnia predicta] libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice sicut ulla elemosina melius [7 liberius teneri potest sine omni] seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione [Et ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 acquietabimus] omnia predicta predictis monachis contra omnes homines inperpetuum . 7 [hec omnia] firmiter [7 fid]eliter semper tenendum affidaui in manu Henrici de Withkale 7 sciendum quod hanc [cartam feci] predictis monachis tempore illo quo dicessi ab eis 7 remisi eis [omnes conuenciones quas fecerunt mihi de me] uel fratre meo . 7 omnes querelas quas habui aduersus eos . Testibus . Henrico [filio Radulfi de] Withkale . Henrico de Wdehalla . Gaufrido de Enderbi . Johanne de Wdehalla . Johanne de Timelbi . Reinaldo de Westuna . Waltero de Neuwercha .

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : .xliiii. [Vesp. E xviii. 116 b ; Snelland xliiii].<sup>1</sup>

## 223

**Harl. Chart. 56 C 47. Grant by Helto son of John of Wickenby to Kirkstead abbey of five acres of arable with appurtenant pasture and a parcel of marsh in Snelland. (Before 1187.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Helto filius Iohannis de Wikingebi salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci in perpetuam elemosinam .v. acras terre lucrabilis in campis de Snelleslund per perticam xviii<sup>to</sup> pedum in hiis locis . scilicet in Sudfeld .iiii.<sup>or</sup> seliones ab occidente mete de Westladebi proximos eidem mete . preter .iiii. seliones qui sunt inter illam metam 7 illos .iiii.<sup>or</sup> seliones . 7 extenduntur in longum usque ad metam de Fulnotebi . 7 ad aquilonem illorum .iiii.<sup>or</sup> selionum . unum selionem per medium Rieberge . 7 ad aquilonem illius selionis in Swich .iii. seliones . 7 in Nordfeld ad aquilonem fossati in Crosfurlanges .ii. seliones . 7 a meta de Westladebi usque ad Eilespith .i. selionem qui habet latitudinem dimidie acre . 7 inter Morgates unum selionem unius perticate 7 dimidie . 7 tantum pasture quantum pertinet ad alias .v. acras in campis eiusdem uille . 7 quicquid de feodo meo est in marisco iuxta

<sup>1</sup> Portions of the charter are much decayed. Words within brackets are supplied from the Cartulary transcript.

ductilum aque usque ad terram arabilem ⁊ ut predicti monachi habeant ⁊ teneant omnia predicta libere ⁊ quiete ab omni seculari seruitio . ⁊ consuetudine . ⁊ omni exactione . ⁊ ego ⁊ heredes mei warantizabimus ⁊ acquietabimus ea ad opus predictorum monachorum de omnibus rebus ⁊ seruitiis erga omnes homines in perpetuum . ⁊ hoc totum firmiter tenendum affidaui ego Helto in manu Walteri capellani sancte Trinitatis . Testibus . Willelmo sacerdote de Wellinghoure . Radulfo filio Stephani . Godrico genero Beorn . Alano filio . Romfari . Ignolfo (*sic*) mercerio . Sýmone filio Thocche . Ricardo nepote Adam . Johanne de Baillio . Roberto filio Sortebrand . Ricardo filio Jacobi . Radulfo clerico . Alano filio Roberti . Waltero de Arraz.<sup>1</sup>

Tag for seal.

Endorsed: XX [Vesp. E xviii. 111; Snelland XX]. Snellesland (fifteenth century).

## 224

**Harl. Chart. 56 C 46. Grant by Helto of Snelland to Kirkstead abbey of thirty-nine acres of arable, a toft, and six selions of marsh in Snelland. (Before 1187.)**

Helto de Snelleslund omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus ⁊ futuris salutem . Sciatis me concessisse ⁊ dedisse ⁊ hac mea carta confirmasse deo ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie de Kyrkstedea ⁊ monachis eiusdem loci in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam .xxx.<sup>ti</sup> ⁊ nouem acras terre lucrabilis in campis de Snelleslunda per percam .xviii. pedum cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . in pratis ⁊ pasturis ⁊ omnibus libertatibus . Insuper ⁊ toftum qui fuit Ricardi Haribrun . ⁊ .vi. seliones in marisco de Snelleslund ad faciendum inde quicquid uoluerint . Et sciendum quod quando abbas de Kirkestede concessit inuenire matri mee uictum ⁊ uestitum ⁊ tunc ego ⁊ illa dedimus ⁊ confirmauimus eis .xxiii. acras de terra prenominata . nam reliquam terram antea eis dederam . ⁊ predicti monachi tenebunt omnia predicta honorifice ⁊ plenarie . libere ⁊ quiete de omni seculari seruitio ⁊ consuetudine ⁊ omni exactione . Et nos ⁊ heredes nostri warantizabimus ⁊ acquietabimus ea ad opus predictorum monachorum de omnibus rebus ⁊ seruitiis erga omnes homines imperpetuum sicut nostram liberam elemosinam . ⁊ hoc totum eis firmiter tenendum absque omni malo ingenio affidaui ego Helto in manu Willelmi capellani de Laforda Testibus Roberto clerico de Scapwic . Gregorio . ⁊ Lamberto ⁊ Henrico [clericis de

<sup>1</sup> With the exception of Ralf son of Stephen all these witnesses attest No. 229, which was confirmed in 1187. Ralf was the grantor of the latter charter, which was certainly issued at the same time as the present one.

Laforda] Radulfo preposito de Laforda . Roberto filio Haldani . Gilleberto filio Alberti de Torp . Willelmo filio Jordani de Askebi Alano filio Ricardi de Torp.

Seals: 1. bird. SIGILL ELTE DE SNELESLVND. 2. ornate cross. + SIGILL WIMAIC FILIA GREGORISVNT.

Endorsed: XIX 9 [Vesp. E xviii. 111 ; Snelland XIX].

## 225

**Harl. Chart. 51 G 15. Confirmation by Simon of Horbling to Kirkstead abbey of thirty-nine acres in Snelland and all other gifts of Helto and Wimarc his mother, and of all the lands granted by other men of the same fee. (Before 1187.)**

Sýmon de Horbling omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkesteda 7 monachis eiusdem loci in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam .xxxix. acras terre arabilis in campis de Snelleslund cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in pratis 7 pasturis . 7 alia omnia que habent ex donatione Heltonis 7 Wimarce matris eius sicut testatur carta eiusdem Heltonis quam habent . Insuper 7 alias terras quas habent ex concessione uel donatione aliorum hominum de eodem feodo . Quare uolo ut predicti monachi habeant 7 teneant omnia predicta honorifice 7 integre . libere 7 quiete de omni seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione sicut testantur carte illorum quas predicti monachi inde habent . Et hoc warantizabimus eis ego 7 heredes mei contra omnes homines imperpetuum . 7 hoc totum eis firmiter tenendum sine omni malo ingenio . affidaui ego Sýmon in manu Willelmi capellani de Laforda Testibus . Roberto clerico de Scapwic . Radulfo preposito de Laforda . Gregorio . 7 Lambert . 7 Henrico clericis de Laforda . Robert filio Haldani . Gilleberto filio Alberti de Torp . Willelmo filio Jordani de Askebi . Alano filio Ricardi de Torp.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed: XXII 9 [Vesp. E xviii. 111 b ; Snelland XXII]. Simonis de Horbling (? circa 1200).

## 226

**Harl. Chart. 56 C 48. Grant by Helto of Snelland to Kirkstead abbey of a toft, twenty acres of arable, and certain meadow, in Snelland. (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Helto de Snelleslund salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac presenti carta



confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie 7 monachis de Kyrkestede in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam unum toftum in uilla de Snelleslund . 7 iacet inter masagium meum 7 croftum Ade de Merle 7 abutizat super uiam ex orientali parte 7 super croftum Suáni haribrun ex occidentali parte . Dedi etiam eis in territorio eiusdem uille uiginti acras terre arabilis per perticam octodecim pedum . 7 iacent in his locis . Ex australi parte uille ex west parte de Scuruedale septem seliones . 7 iacent inter terram monachorum quam habent de feodo Radulfi de Hoýlande 7 terram Willelmi filii Gaufridi . Item in Westcroft inter terram monachorum 7 terram Gaufridi del Lund duos seliones 7 in Gosedale unum selionem inter terram ipsorum monachorum 7 terram Gaufridi del Lund . Item in Westcroft inter terram Henrici de Merle 7 Hengfurlanges tres seliones . 7 super Hengfurlanges tres seliones iacentes inter terram Ade de Merle 7 terram Henrici de Merle . Ex orientali parte crofti mei decem seliones simul iacentes inter terram Ade de Merle 7 terram Gaufridi del Lund . Super Kirkefurlanges unum selionem inter terram ecclesie 7 terram Stephani filii persone . Ex australi parte ecclesie super Kyrkefurlanges inter terram monachorum 7 terram Gaufridi del Lund unum paruum selionem . Et super Scortrifurlanges inter terram fabri 7 terram monachorum unum paruum selionem . In Kirkedale inter terram monachorum 7 terram meam unum selionem . 7 super Riberg inter terram Ade de Merle 7 terram monachorum unum selionem . Item in aquilonali campo ex aquilonali parte ecclesie duos seliones . 7 iacent inter terras monachorum que sunt ex utraque parte . Ex aquilonali parte curie grangie super Linlandes inter terram Gaufridi del Lund 7 terram Ýsore tres seliones . Item in eadem quarentena similiter inter terram Ýsore 7 terram Gaufridi del Lund tres seliones . Ex orientali parte Scuruedale unum selionem . 7 iacet inter terram monachorum 7 terram Thome clerici . Et ex west parte de Scuruedale duos seliones inter terram Ýsore 7 terram ecclesie . Item in eadem quarentena quatuor seliones iacentes simul inter terram Ýsore 7 terram Ade de Merle . Et in eadem quarentena inter terram monachorum 7 terram Gaufridi del Lund unum selionem . Item ex est parte de Scuruedale unum selionem 7 iacet inter terras Gaufridi del Lund quas habet ex utraque parte . Et ex west parte de Moregate inter terram predicti Gaufridi 7 terram Ýsore unum paruum selionem . Item super Knapethornfurlanges inter terram Thome clerici 7 terram Ade de Merle duos seliones . 7 in eadem quarentena inter diuisam ad Knapathorn 7 terram Stephani filii persone quatuor seliones . Et super Kantelop inter terram fabri 7 culturam Petri unum selionem . Omnes prenominate terras habebunt 7 tenebunt prefati monachi pro uiginti acras siue ibi fuerit plus

siue minus cum pastura eidem terre pertinente cum omnibus aliis pertinenciis 7 asiamentis infra uillam 7 extra libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine . sicut ulla elemosina liberius 7 quietius teneri potest . Preterea concessi 7 dedi eisdem monachis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam similiter totum pratum quod habui in Scuruedale sine aliquo retinemento . Et ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus omnia predicta prenominatis monachis . 7 acquetabimus de omnibus rebus 7 seruiciis contra omnes homines in perpetuum . Hiis testibus . Waltero de Fullethebi . magistro Sýmone clerico Roberti Marmium . Hugone de Stratthweit . Hugone filio Alani de Scriuelbi . Petro filio Radulfi de Snelleslund . Suáno haribrun.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed: lxviii [Vesp. E xviii. 119; Snelland lxviii]. Snelland (? fifteenth century).

## 227

**Harl. Chart. 56 C 44. Grant by Helto of Snelland to Kirkstead abbey of six *perticatae* of meadow in Snelland, and of a great selion there. (Late twelfth century.)**

Notum sit omnibus presentibus 7 futuris quod ego Helto de Snelleslund concessi 7 dedi 7 presenti carta confirmaui deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie 7 monachis de Kirkestede in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam sex *perticatas* prati in latum in territorio de Snelleslund scilicet in West eng 7 iacent inter diuisam de Reresbi 7 duas *perticatas* prati quas antea dedi eisdem monachis 7 extunduntur (*sic*) in longum a terra arabili de Snelleslund usque ad terram arabilem de Reresbi Et ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predictis monachis totum predictum pratum 7 acquietabimus de omnibus rebus 7 seruitiis contra omnes homines ut habeant 7 teneant totum predictum pratum libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione in perpetuum elemosinam . Sciatis me etiam dedisse predictis monachis unum magnum selionem quem Osbertus tenuit in aquilonali campo de Snelleslund ex orientali parte de Schuruedale 7 iacet iuxta duos seliones quos predicti monachi habent ex dono Radulfi de Hoylanda ex australi parte in excambium pro duobus selionibus quos predicti monachi dederunt mihi 7 iacent inter Morgates iuxta terram meam ex aquilonali parte . 7 sunt de feudo Radulfi de Hoylanda Et ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predictis monachis 7 acquietabimus de omnibus rebus 7 seruitiis totum predictum selionem in perpetuum excambium Testibus Eustacio de Farford Willelmo clerico de Snelleslund. Henrico.

de Wdehalla Johanne de Timelbi Roberto . homine abbatis Radulfo Hairun de Kaneuic.

Seal : bird. SIGILL HELTONIS DE SNELLESLVND.

Endorsed : Superhabundantia Snelleslond (fifteenth century) :iiii: .lxi. (early thirteenth century).

Not entered in cartulary.

## 228

**Harl. Chart. 56 C 45.** Confirmation by Helto, patron of the church of Snelland, of the settlement made by judges appointed by the pope of the dispute between Kirkstead abbey and William son of Humfrey parson of Snelland concerning the tithes of Snelland, Westlaby, and Swinethorpe. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant omnes presentes ⁊ futuri . quod ego Helto patronus ecclesie de Snellislund concessi ⁊ presenti carta confirmaui deo ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie ⁊ monachis de Kirkestede transaccionem factam per iudices a summo pontifice delegatos inter eosdem monachos ⁊ Willelmum filium Humfridi personam de Snellislund super decimis eiusdem uille ⁊ de Westladebi ⁊ de Sunetorp . perpetuis temporibus tenendam . ⁊ illibatam conseruandam . sicut scriptum predictae transaccionis coram dictis iudicibus factum testatur . Et ne mihi aliquo tempore in posterum contra hanc concessionem meam uenire liceat ⁊ set ut cunctis diebus firma ⁊ stabilis persistat ⁊ presentem cartam sigilli mei appositione corroborauim . Testibus . Thoma persona de Sibetorp . Eustachio de Farford . Alano de Martun . Johanne persona de Wdehalla . Henrico de Langetun.

Seal : as appended to No. 227.

Endorsed : Confirmacio Heltonis de transactione facta per iudices . inter nos ⁊ Willelmum filium Vmfridi . de decimis (? Henry III). *Snelleslund* .vii. (not entered in cartulary).

## 229

**Harl. Chart. 54 D 31.** Grant by Ralf son of Stephen of Holland to Kirkstead abbey of a toft, marsh, and one arable bovate of twenty acres in Snelland. (Before 1187.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus ⁊ futuris ⁊ Radulphus filius Stephani de Oilandia . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse ⁊ dedisse ⁊ hac mea carta confirmasse deo ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede



7 monachis eiusdem loci . in perpetuam elemosinam . unum toftum in uilla de Snelleslund ad facienda ibi libere edificia sua si uoluerint . scilicet á tofto Ricardi haribrun sicut fossato includitur usque ad toftum Radulphi clerici [inter uiam] 7 ductilum . 7 quicquid de meo feodo est in marisco ex utraque parte predicti ductili . ad occidentem 7 ad aquilonem usque ad terram arabilem ad dilatandum ipsum toftum quod dedi eis . 7 ut includant uersus se [ipsum] ductilum quantum ad me pertinet . 7 faciant inde quicquid uoluerint ad suum proficuum 7 asiamentum . 7 preterea unam bouatam terre lucrabilis de uiginti acris per perticam .xviii.<sup>to</sup> pedum in campis predictae uille de Snellesl[und scilicet x acr]as ex utraque parte uille cum tanto prati quantum pertinet ad .xx. acras alias . [7 pasturam ad centum herbicis per maius centum] . ut predicti monachi habeant 7 teneant omnia predicta libere 7 quiete 7 hon[orifice ab omni] seculari seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione . 7 ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus [7 ac]quietabimus ad opus monachorum de omnibus rebus 7 seruiciis erga omnes homines in perpetuum . 7 hoc totum firmiter tenendum affidaui ego Radulphus in manu Walteri capellani sancte Trinitatis . Testibus . Willelmo sacerdote de Wellinghoure . Godrigo genero Beorn . Alano filio Romfari . Ingholfo mercerio . Simone filio Thocche . Ricardo nepote Adam . Johanne de Ballio . Heltone filio Johannis decani . Roberto filio Sortebrand . Ricardo filio Jacobi . Radulfo clerico . Alano filio Roberti . Waltero de Arraz .

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6114.]

Endorsed : X 9 [Vesp. E xviii. 109 b ; Snelland X].

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**Harl. Chart. 58 A 24. Confirmation by Ralf son of Ralf of Wiber-ton to Kirkstead abbey of all the gifts of his father in Snelland and Swinethorpe. (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Radulfus filius Radulfi de Wibretona salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sancte ecclesie 7 monachis sancte Marie de Kirke-steda omnes concessionem 7 donationes terrarum de Snelleslunda 7 de Sunetorp . quas dedit eisdem monachis Radulfus pater meus . sicut carte testantur quas inde habent monachi . 7 ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predictis monachis omnia predicta uersus omnes homines in perpetuum . Testibus Ricardo de Martona . Stephano 7 Rogero fratribus meis . Simone de Bardenei . Radulfo Hairun'.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6112.]

Endorsed : .l. [Vesp. E xviii. 117 b ; Snelland l].

**Harl. Chart. 47 I 9. Confirmation by Stephen the chamberlain to Kirkstead abbey of the gifts of various donors in Snelland and Dunholme. (1187.)**

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Stephanus Camerarius de Wikingesbi salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkesteda in perpetuam elemosinam 7 monachis eiusdem loci . totum clausum ipsorum in Snelleslunda . 7 quicquid habuerunt infra ipsum clausum ad Pascha in anno incarnationis domini . M<sup>o</sup> . C<sup>o</sup> Lxxxvii<sup>o</sup> . 7 extra ipsum clausum usque ad uiam . 7 quicquid habent in eadem uilla scilicet ex dono Radulfi filii Stephani unum toftum 7 i . bouatam terre arabilis cum prato 7 pastura 7 aliis rebus 7 pertinentiis nominatis in eius carta quam ipsi monachi inde habent . Ex dono Heltonis . toftum qui fuit Ricardi haribrun . 7 xxxix acras terre arabilis . 7 .ii. seliones cum prato 7 aliis pertinentiis . Ex dono Brertram (*sic*) quicquid ipse habuit in marisco de Snelleslund . 7 i . selionem propinquiorem ex est parte uille . Ex dono Willelmi clerici quicquid habuit in predicto marisco . Preterea concedo 7 confirmo eisdem monachis quicquid habent in Dunham de feodo meo . scilicet ex dono Tuoldi de Neuilla totam medietatem domini ipsius . 7 insuper .iiii. bouatas terre arabilis 7 .i. toftum . Ex dono Reinaldi pedechen .ix. acras terre arabilis . Ex dono Gaufridi de Walecotes .ii. acras . 7 dimidiam terre arabilis . Quare uolo ut predicti monachi teneant omnia predicta cum omnibus pertinentiis suis intra uillam 7 extra uillam . integre 7 plenarie . in pratis 7 pasturis . in moris . 7 mariscis 7 aquis . in uiis . 7 semitis . in introitibus 7 exitibus . 7 omnibus aliis asiamentis . honorifice . libere . 7 quiete de omni seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 omni exactione sicut testantur carte donatorum quas monachi inde habent . saluo seruitio domini regis 7 dominorum meorum 7 meo 7 heredum nostrorum . 7 hanc elemosinam manutenebimus monachis predictis ego 7 heredes mei fideliter 7 absque omni malo ingenio inperpetuum Testibus Philippo de Tatersale . Alexandro Britone fratre cancellarii . Henrico clerico de Wichetona . Rogero filio Hugonis . Gikello filio Alani . Alanus de Agetorp . Roberto de Maringes . Roberto camerario . Gaufrido filio Hamonis . Rolando filio Roberti .

Fragment of equestrian seal.

- Endorsed : (1) XXXIII 9 [Vesp. E xviii. 114 b ; Snelland XXXIII].  
(2) Stefani camerarii (contemporary).

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**Harl. Chart. 47 I 10.** Confirmation by Robert son of Stephen the chamberlain to Kirkstead abbey of all that the abbey has of his fee in Swinethorpe. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Robertus filius Stephani camerarii . salutem Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede . 7 monachis eiusdem loci quicquid habent de feodo meo in territorio de Sunetorp infra uillam 7 extra sicut carte Gregorii de Sunetorp et Simonis de Horbeling testantur quas inde habent monachi 7 sicut confirmatio Stephani patris mei testatur quam fecit eis inde . Testibus . Philippo filio Roberti . Reinaldo filio Eils . Jacobo de Holm . Radulfo de Fenna . Gilleberto de Wella . Willelmo de Wilgebi . Hugone de Merla . Roberto filio Roberti de Tatersala . Alano de Aggetorp . Radulfo de Docking . Thoma de Wilgebi . Johanne filio Jacobi . Helto (*sic*) de Snelleslunda . Alano de Merstona.

Seal : bird with outstretched wings. +SIGILL ROBERTI CAMBERLANI.

Endorsed : .xlii. [Vesp. E xviii. 116 ; Snelland xlii].

## 233

**Cott. Chart. xii. 53.** Grant by Hugh de Merla to Kirkstead abbey of all that is of his fee in the marsh of Snelland, in return for an exchange of equal value in the field of Swinethorpe. (Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Hugo de Merla . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Kirkestede 7 monachis eiusdem loci in elemosinam quicquid est de feodo meo in marisco de Snelleslund scilicet duos seliones qui iacent ex aquilonari parte crofti quod fuit Radulfi de Hoilanda 7 uadunt á fossato predicti crofti uersus aquilonem quantum ipsum mariscum durat . 7 unum selionem qui uadit á curte Radulfi clerici uersus occidentem . 7 tres paruos seliones qui iacent in occidentali parte predicti marisci 7 uadunt uersus occidentem . 7 si quid amplius inueniri potest in ipso marisco de feodo meo . 7 sciendum quod ego recepi á prefatis monachis pro rebus predictis excambium ad ualentiam in campo de Sunnetorp . 7 concessi eis omnia predicta in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam ad habendum 7 tenendum 7 claudendum fossato 7 faciendum inde quicquid uoluerint libere 7 honorifice 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruicio 7



consuetudine ⁊ omni exactione . ita quod nichil possum deinceps clamare in predicto marisco . neque pasturam neque uiam neque semitam . neque ullam omnino rem ⁊ set ego ⁊ heredes mei warantizabimus ⁊ acquietabimus res predictas ad opus predictorum monachorum de omnibus rebus ⁊ seruiciis erga omnes homines in perpetuum . Et ego Hugo hoc totum firmiter tenendum affidaui in manu Willelmi de Fullotebi . Testibus . ipso Willelmo . Hamelino Croc . Willelmo de Haringtun . Radulfo de Normanuilla . Willelmo persona de Snelleslund . Thoma fratre eius . Helia capellano . Lamberto sacerdote de Fristorp . Thoma filio Willelmi de Fullotebi . Johanne filio Hamelini . Thoma marescaldo . Ricardo franceis de Snelleslund.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : Hugo de Merla (? circa 1200). 9 XII [Vesp. E xviii. 110 ; Snelland XII].

## 234

**Cott. Chart. xxi. 22.** Cyrograph recording an exchange by which Henry de Merula gives land in Snelland to Kirkstead abbey in exchange for land in Swinethorpe. (Late twelfth century.)

CYROGRAPHVM.<sup>1</sup>

Hoc cyrographum testatur quod hoc est excambium terrarum inter monachos de Kirkestede ⁊ Henricum de Merula in campis de Snelleslund ⁊ Sunetorp ⁊ terre quas monachi dederunt predicto Henrico in excambium iacent in campis de Sunetorp ⁊ in hiis locis scilicet unus selio iacet iuxta terram eiusdem Henrici uersus orientem ⁊ extenditur super diuisam de Reresbi ⁊ duo seliones iacent ad Godwine-welles iuxta terram eiusdem Henrici uersus orientem ⁊ tres seliones iacent super eandem quarentenam uersus occidentem ad Watergalles ⁊ unus selio iacet super eandem quarentenam uersus occidentem inter terram Gregorii de Sunetorp ⁊ terram Ade de Merula Et terre quas predictus Henricus dedit predictis monachis iacent in campis de Snelleslund ⁊ in hiis locis scilicet unus selio cum prato iacet inter unum selionem qui uocatur Abotesstang ⁊ alium selionem que (*sic*) idem monachi habent de terra Gaufridi . de Lund qui uocatur Pounat ⁊ extenditur super diuisam de Fulnetbi . ⁊ duo seliones iacent super Westcroft inter tres seliones quos idem monachi habent de terra Heltonis ⁊ duos seliones quos habent de terra Gaufridi de Lund ⁊ unus selio iacent (*sic*) super eandem quarentenam uersus aquilonem iuxta duos seliones quos idem monachi habent de terra Radulfi de Hoylanda Et sciendum quod predicti monachi ⁊ predictus Henricus

<sup>1</sup> Indented.

7 heredes eius warantizabunt in inuicem predictas terras 7 acquie-  
tabunt de omnibus rebus 7 seruiciis in perpetuum contra omnes  
homines Hiis testibus Ada de Merula Heltone de Snelleslund Toma  
clerico Roberto *filio* Heltonis Elya fratre Willelmi de Carletona .  
Stephano *filio persone* Suano Haribrun Gilleberto clerico Willelmo  
Haribrun.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed: (1) ii (thirteenth century). (2) Snelleslund . Cýrographum  
inter nos 7 Henricum de Merula . de excambio terrarum .xviii. [Not  
entered in the cartulary, but indexed as No. 2 in a list of *cyrographa*  
*perpetua* relating to Snelland, fo. 211 b.]

#### IV. NEWHOUSE SERIES

THE original charters of the twelfth century which have survived from the muniments of Newhouse abbey, the first Premonstratensian house established in England, form the most remarkable group of documents now extant relating to the Danelaw. They are distinguished from all the other series printed in this book by a strongly marked individuality of draftsmanship, and in particular by the fact that all the earliest texts and many of the later ones are addressed specifically either to the bishop of Lincoln or to the chapter. Owing to this precision we know that twenty-eight of these charters were issued between the foundation of the house in 1143 and the death of bishop Robert II in 1166, knowledge which is valuable in view of the unusually definite information supplied by a group of these texts regarding the immunities to be enjoyed in respect of the land conveyed. The Newhouse charters also afford early evidence respecting the nature of local divisions of land in Lincolnshire, and the parallel passages in the four confirmatory charters drafted in the name of bishop Robert II<sup>1</sup> illustrate some difficult problems of terminology. In respect of terminology the present series is especially interesting, for it includes two charters<sup>2</sup> in which the word *inwara* is employed, a word of which two post-Conquest instances only have hitherto been observed. The earlier Newhouse charters are also distinguished by the attestation of many peasant witnesses bearing names of Anglo-Scandinavian origin. Every series of charters results from a quite fortuitous preservation of texts, but it is improbable that we have lost many documents of interest relating to Newhouse abbey in the twelfth century. The transcripts taken by Dodsworth from original charters extant in his day only add two documents<sup>3</sup> to the twelfth-century series in the British Museum. The region especially illustrated by these charters is the north-east of Lincolnshire, but there has also been preserved one early and interesting charter relating to an isolated estate of the abbey at Norton Disney on the Witham. In addition to the series which follows, four original twelfth-century grants to Newhouse abbey have been printed in the *Monasticon*,<sup>4</sup> and one of them has also been published in facsimile by the trustees of the British Museum.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 237-40.

<sup>2</sup> Nos. 290 and 297.

<sup>3</sup> Nos. 297 and 313.

<sup>4</sup> VII. 865-6. The charters in question are Harl. Chart. 50 H 58, 55 F 12, 45 B 27, 45 F 19.

<sup>5</sup> Facsimiles of Royal and other charters in the British Museum, No. 24.



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Harl. Chart. 43 H 10. Confirmation by Alexander bishop of Lincoln to the abbot and brethren of Newhouse of the various gifts of Peter of Goxhill, the churches of St. Peter of Halton and of Kirmington, given respectively by Ralf of Halton and Geoffrey of Newhouse, and a bovate and *mansura* in Cabourne given by Rannulf de Bayeux. (1143-1147.)

. A. dei gratia *Lincolniensis* episcopus omnibus parrochianis suis salutem 7 benedictionem episcopalem . Ex pastoralis cure officio quam suscepimus debitores sumus uniuersis per diocesim nostram constitutis 7 ad eorum prouisionem ex nomine quoque dignitatis admonemur . Uerumptamen speciali quadam sollicitudine illorum securitati 7 quieti nos amplius inuigilare oportet qui abiecta laboriosa sarcina mundi que ipsius sunt fugiunt 7 exhonerati 7 liberi amplexus illius qui sacrarum animarum sponsus est querunt . Nimirum hoc intuitu fratres qui apud *Neuhusiam* canonice uiuere proponunt secundum consuetudinem *Premonstratensis* ecclesie una cum abbate ipsorum uniuersasque possessiones eorum iuste 7 canonice adquisitas siue acquirendas sub protectionem ecclesie nostre 7 nostram suscipimus . In primis uidelicet *mansuram* capitalem domus Petri de Golsa cum curia ubi castellum suum fuit 7 dimidium dominii sui in *Neuhus* tam in agris quam in pratis . molendinis 7 aquis . marescis 7 turbariis 7 in omnibus que ad usum 7 utilitatem ipsius fieri possunt exceptis rusticis 7 terris suis 7 decimam sue partis molendini de Golsa . 7 quinque acras prati in ipsa uilla cum piscina in *Humbria* . 7 duas acras prati in *Barua* cum naui plena lignorum . 7 decimam quatuor nauium lignorum . 7 in *Kiluingholm* . triginta acras ex una parte uille 7 sexdecim ex altera . 7 duas acras prati in eadem uilla iuxta *Humbriam* 7 piscinam ibidem . 7 ecclesiam sancte *Margarete* de *Haburch* cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . 7 una bouata terre ad utware . 7 vi.<sup>ta</sup> partem (*sic*) ecclesie omnium sanctorum de *Broclesbi* . 7 ecclesiam sancti *Botulfi* de *Saxelesi* cum omnibus appendiciis suis . Hec omnia dedit eis predictus Petrus concedente *Rannulfo* de *Baiocis* cum heredibus suis 7 concedente comite *Willelmo* cum filio suo . Preterea ecclesiam sancti Petri de *Haltona* quam eis dedit *Radulfus* de *Haltona* concedente fratre suo 7 herede *Geruasio* cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . 7 de cetero ecclesiam de *Kirningtun* ex donatione *Gaufridi* de *Neuhus* 7 *Willelmi* filii 7 heredis eius cum omnibus appenditiis suis . 7 unam bouatam terre 7 mansionem in *Caburnia* quam *Rannulfus* de *Baiocis* eis dedit . Si quis huius scripti nostri constitutionem sciens contra eam temere uenire temptauerit 7 eorum possessiones uel bona auferre

uel diripere uel minuere : nouerit se diuine ultioni subiaccere puniendum : si secundo 7 tercio commonitus ad satisfactionem uenire noluerit . Ceterum patroni 7 adiutores eorum celestis benedictionis mereantur effici participes.

A M E N.

Four holes for seal cord.

Endorsed : *Alexandri* .i.<sup>a</sup> (thirteenth century).

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**Harl. Chart. 43 G 19. Confirmation by Theobald archbishop of Canterbury to Newhouse abbey of land in Newhouse and the churches of Habrough, Saxleby, Kirmington, St. Michael of Glentworth, St. Peter of East Halton, St. Michael of Orford, and the sixth part of the church of Brocklesby. (Before 1150.)**

*Teobaldus* dei gratia *Cantuariensis* archiepiscopus 7 totius Anglie primas . omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis per diocesim suam constitutis salutem 7 benedictionem in domino . Ex iniuncto nobis cure pastoralis officio . ecclesiasticis tenemur studere profectibus . 7 generaliter uniuersis . specialiter uero singulis paternam sollicitudinem . matrem exhibere pietatem . Illis etiam ampliorem nobis competit impendere beniuolentiam . qui cum Maria dominicos pedes studiosius amplexati . meliorem sibi partem eligerunt . qui abiectis mundi sarcinis . soli deo militare querunt . Eapropter honestis petitionibus dilectorum filiorum nostrorum abbatis 7 canonicorum de Neuhusa facilem prebentes assensum . ipsos 7 ecclesiam suam 7 omnia quecunque aut largitione principum . aut oblatione fidelium . aut aliis iustis modis deo propitio uel adepti sunt . uel adipisci poterunt . sub nostre protectionis speciali cura complectimur . In primis . quicquid habent in uilla de Neuhusa ex donatione Petri de Golsa . cum ecclesia de Haburch . 7 sexta parte ecclesie de Broclousebi . 7 cum ecclesia de Saxolebi 7 omnibus que ad illas pertinere noscuntur . Ecclesiam sancti Michaelis de Glentewurde cum omnibus appenditiis suis . Ecclesiam sancti Petri de Haltona cum hiis que ad eam pertinent . ex donatione Radulfi de Haltona . 7 Geruasii fratris eius . Ex donatione . Gaufridi de Neuhus 7 Willelmi filii eius ecclesiam de Kirningtun cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus . Ecclesiam sancti Michaelis de Hireford 7 quicquid ad eam pertinet . ex donatione . Willelmi de Albeni . Hec 7 alia rationabiliter adquisita uel acquirenda presentis scripti nostri pagina prenominationis abbati 7 fratribus 7 ecclesie sue in perpetuam elemosinam confirmamus . Si quis autem contra hoc nostre protectionis 7 confirmationis scriptum ausu temerario uenire temptauerit . anathe-

matīs uinculis subiaceat . donec deo ⁊ predictę ecclesię . ⁊ abbati ⁊ fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus condigne satisfecerit.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 1176.]

Endorsed : (1) Confirmatio Theobaldi archiepiscopi Cantuariensis de omnibus ecclesiis de Neuhus (fourteenth century). (2) Roberti (thirteenth century). (3) Device which is probably a note that the charter has been produced in a suit (fourteenth-fifteenth century).

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**Harl. Chart. 43 H 14. Confirmation by Robert II bishop of Lincoln to Newhouse abbey of the gifts of various donors. (Circa 1155.)**

+ Robertus dei gratia Lincolniensis episcopus uniuersis sanctę ecclesię filiis salutem . Magnus dominus . ⁊ magna est . bonitas eius . ⁊ munificentię eius non est . numerus . Qui sicut fidelium suorum numerum cotidiano augmento multiplicat ⁊ ita eorum usibus que necessaria sunt summa liberalitate ministrat . Ipse itaque ex suę pietatis habundantia seruis suis auctor est . omnium beneficiorum . nos uero data ab ipso potestate ad eorum defensionem accepimus ministerium . Eapropter dilecti filii nostri Gerlonis abbatis ecclesię sancti Marcialis de Neus ⁊ fratrum ibidem sub canonicę religionis (*sic*) professione deo seruientium iustis petitionibus annuentes . eandem ecclesiam cum omnibus bonis ⁊ possessionibus ad eam pertinentibus . quas uel in presentiarum canonicę possidet uel in futurum iuste poterit adipisci ⁊ sub nostram protectionem suscipimus . ⁊ eidem ecclesię eadem bona ⁊ possessiones suas episcopalis officii quo fungimur auctoritate firmamus . In quibus hęc propriis duximus exprimenda uocabulis . Mansuram in qua abbatia fundata est . cum tribus uirgultis . ⁊ totum dimidium domini Petri de Neus in eadem uilla . cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . ⁊ sextam partem ecclesię de Broclosbi . cum quadam masura . Ecclesiam de Haburch cum tota terra quam in ipsa uilla Petrus de Goussa habuit . ⁊ decimam molendini de Goussa . de parte predicti Petri . ⁊ sex acras prati in Goussa . cum piscina in Humbra . ⁊ duas acras prati in Barawra . cum naui plena lignorum . ⁊ decimam omnium nauium lignorum Petri de Goussa quas homines sui de Barawra ⁊ de Goussa ei debent . ⁊ .xl. ⁊ sex terre acras in Kiluingholm . ⁊ decimam acram omnium pratorum ⁊ unam piscinam in eadem uilla prefati Petri . ⁊ .vi. bouetas (*sic*) terrę in parua Limbergia . ⁊ duas partes ecclesię de Saxebia . ⁊ terram de Brodholm . ⁊ .xl. acras cum duobus nemoribus ultra Fossedic . ⁊ totum seruicium unius militis quod pertinet ad Neus . ⁊ quinque bouetas terrę in Caburna . cum duabus masuris . ⁊ ecclesiam sancti Petri de Haltuna quę uocatur Nordkiluingholm . ⁊ decimam molendini de Scitra . Radulfi de Haltuna . ⁊ in Odenebi unam marcam



argenti . 7 .xxiiii. solidos 7 .vi. nummos in Kerningtun . 7 totam terram in Limbergia que adiacet terre canonicorum de Torentuna . usque ad uiam qua itur ad Seuerbi . infra magnam uiam qua de Castra itur ad Kirningtuna . 7 terram de Henedala . 7 communem pasturam magne Limbergie . In Rodewelle .i. bouetam terrę cum .i. masura . In magna Limbergia .ii. bouetas terrę cum una masura . 7 .i. sexterum (*sic*) frumenti in Kirningtuna . 7 .ii. bouetas terre cum .i. masura in Broclosbi . Statuimus ergo 7 ut hec omnia prenominateę ecclesię integra conseruentur . salua in omnibus matris ecclesię *Lincolniensis* reuerentia . nostraque 7 successorum nostrorum debita obedientia . 7 eciam ecclesiam sancti Michaelis Irefordie cum appentitiis (*sic*) suis<sup>1</sup> . 7 terram Walteri quę fuit Morcharii in eadem uilla . 7 Acraholm cum appentitiis suis.

Seal on leather tag. [B. M. Cat. 1699.]

No endorsement.

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**Harl. Chart. 43 H 16. Second form of confirmation issued by Robert II bishop of Lincoln to Newhouse abbey. (Circa 1155-1160.)**

Robertus dei gratia *Lincolniensis* episcopus uniuersis sancte ecclesie filiis salutem . Magnus dominus . 7 magna est . bonitas eius 7 munificentie eius non est . numerus . Qui sicut fidelium suorum numerum cotidiano augmento multiplicat . ita eorum usibus que necessaria sunt summa liberalitate ministrat . Ipse itaque ex sue pietatis habundantia seruis suis auctor est . omnium beneficiorum . nos uero data ab ipso potestate ad eorum defensionem accepimus ministerium . Eapropter dilecti filii nostri Gerlonis abbatis ecclesie sancti Marcialis 7 sancte Marie de Neuhus . 7 fratrum ibidem sub canonice religionis professione deo seruientium iustis petitionibus annuentes eandem ecclesiam cum omnibus bonis 7 possessionibus ad eam pertinentibus . quas uel in presentiarum canonice possidet . uel in futurum iuste poterit adipisci . sub nostram protectionem suscipimus . 7 eidem ecclesie eadem bona 7 possessiones suas episcopalis officii quo fungimur auctoritate firmamus . In quibus hec propriis duximus exprimenda uocalibus . Totam terram quam Petrus de Gausla fundator eiusdem abbacie habuit in Neuhus cum rusticis 7 hominibus . molendinis & stagnis . pratis 7 marescis . pasturis . 7 turbariis . terris cultis . 7 terris de hutwara . 7 omnibus rebus que in eadem uilla ad donationem eiusdem Petri pertinuerant . scilicet cum sexta parte ecclesie de Broclesbi 7 una bouata terre ad utware cum mansuris 7 aliis appendiciis .

<sup>1</sup> A space is left after this word, which is partly filled by the insertion of the seal tag.

ecclesiam quoque de Haburc cum una bouata terre ad utwara cum omnibus rebus 7 terris que ad illam ecclesiam pertinent . Et in Kilmingholm .l. 7 .iii. acras terre . 7 decimam acram pratorum eiusdem Petri cum piscatorio in Humbre . 7 unam mansuram in maresco de Gousla 7 sex acras prati cum piscatorio in Humbre . 7 unam bouatam terre in Halesbi . 7 duas partes ecclesie de Saxeledi . 7 terram de Brodholm que pertinet ad terram Willelmi de Perci . Item in Brodholm quicquid pertinet ad feudum Albrede de Tocio (*sic*) . 7 quadraginta acras cum duobus nemoribus ultra Fossedie . 7 seruicium unius militis quod pertinet ad Neuhus quod Randulfus de Baius aduocatus predictae abbacie 7 Hugo filius 7 heres eius concesserunt cum Petro de Gausle ante capitulum *Lincolniense* in perpetuam elemosinam predictae abbacie . In Caburne de feudo Randulfi de Baius unam bouatam terre 7 unam mansuram . Item in Caburne de feudo Alani filii Glai duas bouatas terre 7 unam mansuram . Item in Caburne de feudo Galfridi de Turs septies uiginti acras terre cum duabus mansuris una infra uillam . altera extra que in se continet .iiii.<sup>or</sup> acras terre . 7 pasturam .d.c.c. ouium 7 totidem agnorum . In Neuhus etiam hominum Willelmi filii Galfridi de Neuhus 7 totam terram suam de Neuhus 7 quicquid ad eandem terram pertinet . quod Galfridus de Turs dominus eius dedit ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus concedente hoc eodem Willelmo . id est tam terram eius de Neuhus quam terram Redwi cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . In Altunia ecclesiam sancti Petri . 7 decimam molendini de Seihere Radulfi de Haltun . In Outhenebi totam terram que pertinet ad socna de Crastre<sup>1</sup> scilicet totam terram quam rex [habuit in Outhenbi]<sup>2</sup> . In Kirningetune .xx<sup>ti</sup>.iiii.<sup>or</sup> solidos . 7 .vi. denarios . 7 unum sextarium frumenti . In Croxtune duas bouatas terre de feudo Alani de Lamare cum pertinenciis suis . 7 in Henedale totam terram que est iuxta terram canonicorum de Thorentune usque ad uiam que ducit ad Seurebi . infra magnam uiam qua itur de Castre ad Kirningetune 7 communem pasturam magne Linberge . In Rodewelle sex bouatas terre cum una mansura . In Broclesbi de feudo Gileberti filii Nigelli duas bouatas terre cum una mansura . In magna Lingbergie de feudo Hugonis de Scoteni duas bouatas terre cum una mansura . ex donatione eiusdem Hugonis de Scoteni 7 Lamberti filii 7 heredis sui : 7 in Henedale predictus Hugo 7 Lambertus dederunt quicquid habuerunt . In Hireford . ecclesiam sancti Michaelis cum omnibus que ad eam pertinent . 7 terram que fuit Morcharii . 7 terram que fuit Grim . cum una mansura que dicitur Tolecroft ad cimiterium sororum . In campis de Clakesbi Acreholm cum omnibus

<sup>1</sup> A point is inserted under the first *r* as a mark of deletion.

<sup>2</sup> There is a hole in the charter at this point.



appendiciis suis . In campis de Nortune locum de Rodemilne in quo est capella sancti Jacobi cum decem bouatis terre 7 duabus culturis . scilicet Kirkehil 7 Brigghedaile . et tribus acris 7 tribus mansuris infra uillam Nortune . In Glenteworthe ecclesiam sancti Michaelis cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . In Wintringtune de socna de Kirketune . tres carrucas terre 7 quicquid ad eas pertinet cum omnibus libertatibus suis . In Haburc de feudo Willelmi Berner unam bouatam terre . 7 unum toft in maresco cum pastura .ccc. ouium . In campis de Clakesbi . de feudo Godardi in diuersis locis .xxi. percatas terre 7 dimidium bouate terre culte . In territorio de Crokesbi de feodo Willelmi Bekett . Duemilne cum terra adiacenti 7 decem acras terre uersus Hireford . Item in Crokesbi terram Rothof filii Ketelli . cum pertinentiis suis . In Binnebroc de feudo Walteri filii Alfredi unam bouatam terre cum una mansura . 7 pastura .c. ouium . 7 communi de uilla . Item in Binnebroc de terra Roberti archidiaconi . unam bouatam terre cum una mansura . 7 pastura .c. ouium . Hec predicta episcopali auctoritate confirmamus . salua in omnibus dignitate Lincolniensis ecclesie.

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Endorsed : (1) Device as in No. 236. (2) Confirmatio Roberti episcopi *Lincolniensis* de ecclesiis 7 aliis possessionibus de Neuhus (fourteenth century). (3) Roberti (thirteenth century).

## 239

**Harl. Chart. 43 H 15.** Another form, probably a draft, of the preceding text. (Circa 1155-1160.)

Robertus dei gratia *Lincolniensis* Episcopus uniuersis sancte ecclesie filiis salutem . Magnus dominus 7 magna est bonitas eius 7 munificentie eius non . est . numerus . Qui sicut fidelium suorum numerum cotidiano augmento multiplicat . ita eorum usibus que necessaria sunt liberalitate ministrat . Ipse itaque ex sue pietatis habundantia seruis suis auctor . est . omnium beneficiorum . nos uero data ab ipso potestate ad eorum defensionem accepimus ministerium . Eapropter dilecti filii nostri Gerlonis abbatis ecclesie sancti Marcialis 7 sancte Marie de Neuhus 7 fratrum ibidem sub canonice religionis professione deo seruiencium iustis petitionibus annuentes . eandem ecclesiam cum omnibus bonis 7 possessionibus ad eam pertinentibus quas uel in presentiarum canonice possidet uel in futurum iuste poterit adipisci . in nostra protectione suscipimus . 7 eidem ecclesie eadem bona 7 possessiones suas episcopalis officii quo fungimur auctoritate firmamus . In quibus hec propriis duximus exprimenda uocabulis . Totam terram quam Petrus de Golsa fundator eiusdem abbacie habuit in Neuhus . cum rusticis . 7 hominibus . molendinis . 7 stangnis . pratis . 7 marescis .



pasturis . 7 turbariis . terris cultis 7 terris de utware . 7 omnibus rebus que in eadem uilla ad donationem eiusdem Petri pertinuerant . scilicet cum sexta parte ecclesie de Brokesbi (*sic*) . 7 una bouata terre ad utwara cum mansuris 7 aliis appendiciis . ecclesiam quoque de Haburc 7 una bouata terre ad utwara cum omnibus rebus 7 terris que ad illam ecclesiam <sup>1</sup> pertinent . 7 in Chilmingeholme .l. 7 iii. acras . 7 decimam acram pratorum Petri cum piscatorio in Humbre . 7 decimam ipsius partis molendini de Golse . 7 unam mansuram in maresco de Golse . 7 sex acras prati cum piscatorio in Humbre . 7 decimam lignorum que homines operarii mei <sup>2</sup> debent Petro ex consuetudine . 7 in Humbra unam nauatam lignorum . 7 duas acras prati . 7 duas partes ecclesie de Saxlebi . 7 terram de Brodholm que pertinet ad terram Willelmi de Perci . Item in Brodholm de feudo Albrede de Toenio quicquid pertinet . & quadraginta acras cum duobus nemoribus ultra Fossedie . 7 seruicium unius militis quod pertinet ad Neuhus . quod Randulfus de Baius aduocatus predicte abbacie . 7 Hugo filius 7 heres eius concesserunt cum Petro de Gulse (*sic*) ante capitulum Lincolnie in perpetuam elemosinam predicte abbacie . In Caburne de feudo Randulfi unam bouatam terre . 7 unam mansuram . Item in Caburne de feudo Alani filii Glai duas bouatas terre 7 unam mansuram . Addimus etiam hiis dominium Willelmi filii Gaufridi de Neuhus . 7 totam terram suam de Neuhus 7 quicquid ad eandem terram pertinet . quod Gaufridus dominus eius de Turs dedit ecclesie sancti Marcialis . concedente hoc eodem Willelmo . id est tam terram de Neuhus quam terram Redwi . Item in Caburne de feudo Gaufridi de Turs septies .xx.<sup>ti</sup> acras terre cum duabus mansuris . una infra uillam 7 altera extra . continente in se quatuor acras terre . 7 pasturam .dcc.<sup>am</sup> ouium . 7 totidem agnorum . In Haltona ecclesiam sancti Petri . 7 decimam molendini de Schitere Radulfi de Haltona . In Outhenbi totam terram que pertinet ad socam de Castre . scilicet totam terram quam rex habuit in Outhenbi . In Chirringtune .xx<sup>ti</sup>iiii.<sup>or</sup> solidos . 7 vi. denarios . 7 unum sextarium frumenti . In Croxtune duas bouatas terre de feudo Roberti de Stuteuile . 7 in Hennedele totam terram que est iuxta terram canonicorum de Torn-tune usque ad uiam que ducit ad Seuerbi . infra magnam uiam qua itur de Castra ad Kirnintune . 7 communem pasturam magne Limbergie . In Rodwelle sex bouatas terre cum una mansura . In Broclesbi de feudo Gisleberti filii Nigelli . duas bouatas terre cum una mansura . In magna Limbergie de feudo Hugonis de Scoteni . duas bouatas terre cum una mansura . quam terram ipse Hugo de Scoteni . 7

<sup>1</sup> The first three letters of this word are a correction.

<sup>2</sup> This word is cancelled by a dot underneath each letter.

Lambertus filius 7 heres suus predictæ abbatiæ dederunt . 7 in Henne-  
dele predictus Hugo 7 filius eius Lambertus dederunt quicquid  
habuerunt . In Ireford ecclesiam sancti Michaelis cum omnibus que  
ad eam pertinent . 7 terram Walteri que fuit Morcarii . 7 terram  
Grim . In campis de Clakesbi Acreholm cum appendiciis suis . In  
campis de Nortune locum de Rodemilne in quo est capella sancti  
Jacobi cum decem bouatis terre . 7 duabus culturis Kirkehell . 7  
Brigidele . 7 tribus acris . 7 tribus mansuris infra uillam Nortune .  
In Glenteworthe ecclesiam sancti Michaelis cum omnibus que ad eam  
pertinent . Hec predicta episcopali auctoritate confirmamus . Salua in  
omnibus dignitate Lincolnensis ecclesiæ.

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Endorsed : Newhous (fifteenth century). Roberti (thirteenth century).

## 240

**Harl. Chart. 43 H 17.** Third form of confirmation issued by the  
same bishop to Newhouse abbey. (Circa 1160-1166.)

Robertus dei gratia *Lincolniensis* episcopus . uniuersis sancte ecclesie  
filiis salutem . Magnus dominus 7 magna bonitas eius 7 munificentie  
eius non est numerus . Qui sicut fidelium suorum numerum cotidiano  
augmento multiplicat . ita eorum usibus que necessaria sunt summa  
liberalitate ministrat . Ipse itaque ex sue pietatis habundantia seruis  
suis auctor est omnium beneficiorum : nos uero data ab ipso potestate  
ad eorum defensionem accepimus ministerium . Eapropter dilecti filii  
nostri Gerlonis abbatis sancti Marcialis de Neuhus 7 fratrum ibidem  
sub canonice religionis professione deo seruientium iustis petitionibus  
annuentes eandem ecclesiam cum omnibus bonis 7 possessionibus ad  
eam pertinentibus quas uel in presentiarum canonice possidet uel in  
futurum iuste poterit adipisci sub nostram protectionem suscipimus .  
7 eidem ecclesie eadem bona 7 possessiones suas episcopalis officii  
quo fungimur auctoritate firmamus . In quibus propriis hec duximus  
exprimenda uocabulis . Ex donatione Petri de Gausla terram quam  
idem Petrus habuit in Neuhus . cum rusticis . hominibus . molendinis .  
stagnis . pratis . marescis . turbariis terris cultis 7 cum terris de  
warnothe 7 omnibus rebus que in eadem uilla ad dominium eiusdem  
Petri pertinerant . In Broclousebi unam bouatam terre ad utware  
cum mansuris 7 omnibus aliis eidem bouate pertinentiis . 7 sextam  
partem ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum . In Haburch ecclesiam sancte  
Margarete 7 unam bouatam terre ad utware . cum mansuris ad illam  
pertinentibus 7 omnibus aliis appendiciis . 7 cum quinquaginta  
duabus acris in Kiluingholm cum decima acra pratorum eiusdem  
Petri 7 cum piscatorio in Humbre . 7 unam mansuram in maresco



de Gausla cum .vi. acras prati 7 piscatorio alio in Humbre . In Alesbi unam bouatam terre cum una mansura . In Saxeledi duas partes ecclesie sancti Botulfi cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . In Brodholm terram que pertinet ad feudum Willelmi de Perci cum duobus nemoribus ultra Fossedie 7 .xl. acris prati . Similiter in Neuhus ex donatione Gaufridi de Turs humagium Willelmi filii Gaufridi de Neuhus . 7 totam terram suam de Neuhus 7 terram Redwi cum rusticis . molendinis . stagnis . pratis . marescis . pasturis . turbariis . terris cultis . terris de warnothe cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . et hec dedit abbacie de Neuhus predictus Willelmus filius Gaufridi de Neuhus assensu domini sui Gaufridi de Thurs . Seruitium unius militis ex donatione Ranulfi de Baiocis 7 Hugonis filii eius quod ad predictam terram de Neuhus pertinet que fuit Petri de Gausla . In North Kiluingholm ex donatione Radulfi de Haltune ecclesiam sancti Petri cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . 7 decimam molendini de Scithre . In Sud Kiluingholm ex donatione Nicolai de Aresci ecclesiam sancti Dionisii cum omnibus pertinentiis suis 7 duas bouatas terre cum prato adiacenti 7 pastura .cc. ouium . Ex donatione Willelmi de Sailli culturam de Branztoft totam cum terra culta 7 prato quod ad eam pertinet . In Glenteworde<sup>1</sup> ecclesiam sancti Michaelis cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . In Hireford ecclesiam sancti Michaelis cum omnibus pertinentiis suis 7 unam mansuram que dicitur Tolecroft ad cimiterium sororum ex donatione Roberti de Thoeni 7 communem pasturam de Hireford 7 de Binebroc . De feudo Walteri filii Alueredi terram que fuit Morcarii cum una mansura . 7 prato adiacenti ex donatione Simonis 7 Roberti filiorum ipsius Walteri . In Haburch ex donatione Hugonis Berner 7 Willelmi filii eius unam bouatam terre cum una mansura . in marescis de Haburch . 7 pasturam .ccc. ouium cum aisiamento aque . 7 communitatem predictae uille 7 unam salinam ex donatione Heruei . 7 aliud toft in Sudnesse scilicet le mura ex donatione predicti Willelmi filii Hugonis Berner . In Broclousebi ex donatione Gilberti filii Nigelli duas bouatas terre cum una mansura 7 communi pastura eiusdem uille . 7 cum duabus acris terre ex donatione Henrici clerici . In magna Limbergia ex donatione Lamberti de Scoteni duas bouatas terre cum una mansura scilicet Walteri carpentarii 7 quicquid ad terram suam pertinet in Henedale . In Kirningtun ex donatione Gaufridi de Neuhus 7 Willelmi filii eius ecclesiam eiusdem uille cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . 7 in eadem uilla ex donatione Willelmi de Lamara duas bouatas terre cum una mansura scilicet Gunewate toft 7 communi pastura eiusdem uille . In Caburna ex donatione

<sup>1</sup> The o is inserted above the line.



Gaufridi de Turs .lxxx acras terre 7 preter eas unam bouatam terre cum mansura iuxta Restedic 7 mansura que fuit Garpolf cum pastura septingentarum ouium cum agnis suis . 7 ex donatione Ranulfi de Baiocis 7 Hugonis filii eius unam bouatam terre cum una mansura . In campis de Clakesbi tam ex donatione Willelmi de Braibo . quam ex donatione Godard de Clakesbi Acreholes cum communi pastura eiusdem uille 7 cum omnibus appenditiis suis . In Rodewella ex donatione Alani filii Glai .vi bouatas terre cum una mansura 7 communi pastura eiusdem uille . In campis de Northun ex donatione Roberti filii Turketin locum qui uocatur Rodemilne . ubi est capella sancti Jacobi cum decem bouatis terre 7 tribus mansuris in eadem Nortun . cum duabus culturis . Kirkehil 7 Briggedaile 7 quatuor acris 7 quatuor selionibus cum communi pastura eiusdem uille 7 decima panis 7 ceruisie domus eius . Juxta Ancolne ex donatione Alani de Lamara locum qui uocatur Rugholm cum pascuis . turbariis . piscatoriis 7 ceteris necessariis que pertinent ad feudum eiusdem Alani de Lamara . Ex donatione Roberti filii Berewoldi de Kiluingholm unam bouatam terre cum adiacentibus . Ex donatione Baldwini de Biford annuatim .iii. solidos de feudo Walteri de Kiluinghol (*sic*) quod (*sic*) idem Walterus debet reddere pro Baldewino singulis annis . Ex donatione Haket de Ridefort dimidiam carrucatam terre in campis de Bernetebi cum una mansura duarum acrarum in cultura sua . 7 pastura .ccc. ouium 7 terram quam eis dedit Milo de Bernetebi in eisdem campis cum una mansura infra uillam . In Brodholm cimiterium quantum pertinet ad feudum Willelmi de Albini ex donatione eiusdem Willelmi 7 Helie de Albini . In Caburnia ex donatione Gaufridi de Turs duas bouatas terre sub annuo censu .v. solidorum . Ex donatione Alani filii Glai duas bouatas terre cum una mansura sub annuo censu dimidie marce . In Hireford terram que fuit Grim uidelicet vii . bouatas terre 7 in Crokesbi dimidiam bouatam terre Rodulfi filii Ketelli cum una mansura 7 omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis sub annuo censu .xvii.<sup>1</sup> solidorum . Ex donatione Willelmi Beket in territorio de Crokesbi exitus molendini quod dicitur Duuemilne cum tota terra adiacenti eidem 7 cum decem acris terre uersus diuisam de Hireford sub annuo censu .vi. solidorum . In Brodholm de feudo Willelmi de Albini duas bouatas terre ad utware quas Haccus tenuit . in nemoribus . planis . terris cultis . pratis . pascuis . aquis . 7 omnibus pertinentiis suis sub annuo censu unius marce argenti . Hec predicta specialie<sup>2</sup> auctoritate confirmamus . salua in omnibus dignitate Lincolniensis ecclesie ;

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 1697.]

Endorsed : Roberti (thirteenth century). .i.<sup>a</sup> (? thirteenth century).

<sup>1</sup> The text has been altered here.

<sup>2</sup> *Sic*, doubtless for *episcopali*.

## 241

Harl. Chart. 43 H 38 b. Confirmation by Hugh bishop of Lincoln to Newhouse abbey of the churches of St. Peter of East Halton, St. Margaret of Habrough, St. Denis of Killingholme, St. Botulf of Saxelby, St. Michael of Glentworth, the church of Kirmington, and the sixth part of the church of Brocklesby. (1190-1195.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit : Hugo dei gratia *Lincolniensis* episcopus salutem in domino . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra nos dei intuitu concessisse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Newehus 7 canonicis deo ibidem famulantibus . ecclesiam sancti Petri de Hautona . ecclesiam sancte Margarete de Haburga . ecclesiam sancti Dionisii de Kiluingeholma . ecclesiam sancti Botulfi de Saxelbi . ecclesiam sancti Michaelis de Glentewrda . ecclesiam de Kirmintona . 7 sextam partem ecclesie de Broclesbi . cum omnibus ad ipsas pertinentibus sicut eis rationabiliter collate sunt : in propriis eorundem canonicorum usus inperpetuum possidendas . saluis in ipsis competentibus vicariis . eis qui in ipsis ecclesiis in propriis personis per prefatos canonicos ministrabunt . saluis etiam episcopalium consuetudinibus 7 *Lincolniensis* ecclesie dignitate . Quod ut ratum 7 inconcussum permaneat : presenti scripto 7 sigilli nostri patrocinio confirmauimus . Hiis testibus . Haimone decano *Lincolniensis* ecclesie . Roberto Huntedonie 7 magistro Rogero Leicestrie archidiaconis . Radulfo de Vireneto . magistro Ricardo de Swalewecline . Galfrido de Lecchelada . Reimundo . Roberto de capella . Hugone de sancto Edwardo . Luca clerico archidiaconi Huntedonie . Eustachio de Wiltona . 7 aliis multis.<sup>1</sup>

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 1705.]

No endorsement.

## 242

Harl. Chart. 43 H 23. Confirmation by Hugh bishop of Lincoln to Newhouse abbey of the churches of St. Peter of East Halton, St. Denis of Killingholme, St. Margaret of Habrough, St. Helen of Kirmington, the moiety of the church of All Saints of Brocklesby and the third part of the other moiety, and the churches of St. Michael of Glentworth and St. Botulf of Saxelby. (1195-6.)

Omnibus . Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit . Hugo dei gratia *Lincolniensis* episcopus salutem 7 dei benedictionem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra nos dei 7 pietatis intuitu considerata paupertate fratrum de Nehus concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse

<sup>1</sup> Last word in capitals and spaced out to fill the line.



deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Nehus atque fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus ecclesiam sancti Petri de Haltona . ecclesiam sancti Dionisii de Kilwingholm . ecclesiam sancte Margarete de Haburc . ecclesiam sancte Helene de Kirnigtona . 7 medietatem ecclesie omnium Sanctorum de Broclausbi . 7 terciam partem alterius medietatis eiusdem ecclesie . ecclesiam sancti Michaelis de Glenworhe . ecclesiam sancti Botulfi de Saxolebi cum omnibus pertinentiis suis ita uidelicet ut eas habeant 7 conuertant in proprios suos usus saluis episcopalibus consuetudinibus 7 *Lincolniensis* ecclesie dignitate . Quod ut in posterum ratum 7 inconuulsum permaneat presenti scripto 7 sigilli nostri patrocinio roborauimus . Hiis testibus . R. decano *Lincolniensis* ecclesie . Roberto archidiacono . Huntedonie . Radulfo de Vireneto . magistro Ricardo de Swalecliue . magistro Gerardo de Rodhewela . Raimundo . Roberto de capella . Hugone de sancto Edwardo . Luca clerico archidiaconi Huntedonie . Eustachio de Wiltona . 7 aliis multis.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 1707.]

Endorsed: (1) Note of enrolment as in No. 236. (2) Confirmacio ecclesiarum . . . . . episcop' Lincoln' (fourteenth century).

## 243

**Harl. Chart. 43 C 24.** Grant by Henry II to Newhouse abbey of the churches of St. Michael of Glentworth and St. Helen of Kirmington, with notification that the king has taken the abbey under his protection, and confirmation of all gifts present and future. (1175-9.)

.H. Rex Anglie (*sic*) 7 Dux Normannorum . 7 Aquitanorum . 7 Comes Andegauorum . archiepiscopis . episcopis . abbatibus . iusticiis . comitibus . baronibus . 7 omnibus ministris 7 baliuis . 7 omnibus hominibus 7 fidelibus suis Francis 7 Anglis . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse . 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 abbacie sancti Marcialis apostoli de Neuhus . 7 canonicis ibidem in ordine Premonstratensi deo seruientibus ad sustentationem eorum ut ibidem in seruitio dei permaneant ecclesiam sancti Michaelis de Glentteworthe . 7 ecclesiam sancte Helene de Kirnington . cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in puram . 7 perpetuam elemosinam pro anima Henrici regis aui mei 7 aliorum successorum meorum regum Anglie . 7 pro salute anime mee . 7 pro statu regni mei . 7 pro salute filiorum meorum . 7 recepi in meam propriam manum 7 custodiam . 7 protectionem . 7 defensionem ipsam abbatiam . 7 canonicos . 7 fratres . 7 sorores . 7 homines eorum . 7 seruientes . 7 terras . 7 possessiones . 7 omnes res suas sicut dominicam 7 specialem elemosinam meam in perpetuum . Preterea concedo 7 presenti carta mea confirmo omnes donationes que rationabiliter date sunt predictae abbacie . 7 de cetero dabuntur . 7 quas per se uel per alios rationa-



biliter adquirere poterunt . Quare uolo 7 firmiter precipio . quod iam dicti canonici omnes terras suas 7 tenuras 7 omnes possessiones suas . 7 homines suos habeant . 7 teneant bene . 7 in pace . libere 7 quiete . integre 7 plenarie . 7 honorifice in bosco 7 plano . in pratis 7 pascuis . in aquis 7 piscariis . in marescis 7 turbariis . in molendinis 7 stagnis . in toftis 7 croftis . in uis 7 semitis . in ciuitate 7 burgo . in foris 7 nundinis quorumcumque sint . in transitu pontium . 7 maris portuum . 7 in omnibus locis . 7 sint ipsi 7 omnes homines sui quieti per totam terram meam de omni theloneo de omnibus rebus quas ipsi canonici uel homines sui possunt assecurare quod emant uel uendant ad proprios usus canonicorum ipsorum uel hominum ipsorum . 7 de pontagio . 7 lestagio . 7 stallagio . 7 hidagio . 7 wardis . 7 operibus castelorum (*sic*) . 7 pontium . 7 parcorum . 7 sumagiis . 7 de omnibus geldis . 7 danegeldis . 7 fengeldis . 7 horngeldis . 7 peninggeldis . 7 misericordiis . 7 forisfacturis . 7 auxiliis . 7 wapentaciis . 7 hundris . 7 thrithingis . 7 schiris . 7 de mordre . 7 de omnibus auxiliis vicecomitis 7 ministrorum suorum . 7 scutagiis . 7 assisis . 7 summonitionibus . 7 tallagiis . 7 de omnibus occasionibus 7 consuetudinibus . 7 de omni seruitio 7 seculari exactione excepta iusticia mortis 7 membrorum . Habeant predicti canonici curiam suam . 7 iusticiam . cum sacha 7 socha . 7 tol 7 them 7 infangenetheof . 7 cum omnibus aliis libertatibus . Et si quis uersus predictos canonicos de tenementis suis . aut rebus suis quas habent in liberam elemosinam aliquid clamauerit . seu eos in aliquo uexare . uel in placitum ponere uoluerit . prohibeo ne pro aliquo respondeant . nec in placitum intrent . nec aliquis eos placitare faciat nisi coram me . uel coram capitali iusticia mea ; Testibus . Gileberto Londoniensi . Johanne Norewicensi episcopis . Willelmo de Mandauilla . Willelmo de Albemarle comitibus . Johanne Comin . Hugone de Nunant . Ricardo thesaurario domini regis . Randulfo de Glanuilla . Reginaldo de Curtenei . Thoma Basset . Rogero de Glanuilla . Thoma de Husseburna . apud Wintoniam .

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 69.]

Illegible fragment of endorsement.

## 244

**Harl. Chart. 45 F 17.** Confirmation by Rannulf de Baiocis, Margaret his wife, Hugh and Alan their sons to Newhouse abbey of the gifts of Peter of Goxhill, with notification that they have quitclaimed to Peter the service of one knight in respect of the lands thus given. (Circa 1150.)

Roberto dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo . 7 Roberto archidiacono ; 7 uniuersis sancte dei ecclesie filiis . fidelibus tam presentibus quam

futuris . Rannulfus . de Baiocis . 7 Margareta uxor sua . 7 Hugo filius suus . 7 Alanus . salutem . Notum uobis sit . quod Petrus de Gausa . 7 antecessores sui de me 7 antecessoribus meis tenuerunt feudum quinque militum . 7 in eodem feudo predictus Petrus fundauit quandam abbatiam apud Nehus ordinis Premonstratensis ecclesie . Concessu nostro 7 uoluntate . seruicium uero unius militis supradictus Petrus dedit 7 concessit libere ab omni seruicio fratribus . 7 huic predictae abbacie in perpetuam elemosinam . scilicet terram de Neuhus . 7 ecclesiam de Haburc 7 .i. bouetam terre ad utewara . 7 .vi. partem ecclesie de Broclausbi . 7 .i. bouetam terre ad utewara . 7 quicquid pertinet ad seruicium unius militis . & sciatis nos Petrum predictum . 7 heredes suos . necnon 7 heredes mei quietos clamasse de seruitio quinti militis perpetualiter . & eisdem fratribus . 7 abbacie de Neuhus dedimus 7 concessimus seruitium quinti militis supradicti in perpetuam elemosinam . de quo seruitio Petrum de Gausa . 7 heredes suos quietos clamauius . pro anima antecessorum meorum . 7 pro anima Alani de *Lincolnia* . 7 pro anima (*sic*) antecessorum uxoris mee . Precamur episcopum de *Lincolnia* . 7 Robertum archidiaconum . 7 totum capitulum ecclesie sancte Marie de *Lincolnia*<sup>1</sup> . ut manteneant predictam elemosinam . quam Petrus . de Gausa dedit . 7 ego Rannulfus . 7 uxor mea Margareta . 7 Hugo . 7 Alanus filii mei predictae abbacie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus . 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus dedimus 7 concessimus . 7 sigillo nostro<sup>1</sup> in perpetuam elemosinam confirmauius . Teste Acardo de *Lincolnia*<sup>1</sup> . Colegrimo sacerdote . Willelmo capellano . Rogero decano . Berwaldo sacerdote . Simone de Insula . Gilberto de Sanlo . Rogero filio Gocelini . Alano filio Glaii . Johanne de Baiocis . Suspiro de Baiocis . Wigoto de Branzwel . Radulfo de Welli (*sic*) . Herberto nepote Petri de Gausa . Roberto surreis . Roberto de Fribois.

Seal, on silk cord, as appended to No. 255.

No endorsement.

## 245

**Harl. Chart. 55 D 5. Grant by Haket de Rideford and Amabilis his wife to Newhouse abbey of land in Barnetby le Wold. (Circa 1160.)**

Roberto dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo 7 uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Haket de Rideford 7 Amabilis sponsa eius salutem . Noueritis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie 7 sancti Marcialis apostoli de Neuhus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus pro salute mea 7

<sup>1</sup> A space is left between this word and the one which follows it.

sponse mee 7 omnium amicorum meorum 7 pro salute anime mee 7 omnium antecessorum meorum .iiii. bouatas terre in campis de Bernetebi ex orientali parte uille uersus Kirnigetun 7 uersus magnam Linbergiam iuxta culturam eorum quam habent de Milone . 7 preterea .ii. acras ad mansuram unam faciendam ubi maluerint cum communi pastura eiusdem uille a dextris 7 a sinistris 7 ubique 7 undique 7 cum libero introitu 7 exitu & omnibus aisiamenis eidem terre pertinentibus . Ad perficiendas predictas .iiii. bouatas terre dedi eis terram Radulfi filii Sixtani quam ibidem habuit pro .ii.<sup>abus</sup> acris 7 dimidia iuxta culturam meam . 7 terram Ymeri filii Reineri que est iuxta terram predicti Radulfi pro .ii. acris 7 dimidia . terram etiam Willelmi coci in eadem cultura pro .ii. acris 7 dimidia . terramque Radulfi filii Ode quam ibidem habuit pro .ii. acris 7 dimidia . terramque Ulfi filii Brietneth pro .ii. acris 7 dimidia . terram Hucche filii Fin in eadem cultura pro .ii. acris 7 dimidia . terram Willelmi filii Ucce pro duabus acris 7 dimidia . 7 terram Ricardi filii Warini ex occidentali parte eiusdem culture pro .x. acris terre . 7 item terram eiusdem Ricardi ex orientali parte eiusdem culture pro .xi. acris . 7 iste due culture huius<sup>1</sup> Ricardi compute sunt pro .xx. 7 una acre . duodecim percatis minus . 7 preterea dedi eis terram Turstani quantum habuit in Wate deile iuxta culturam meam quam dedi eis ubi perfecti 7 adimpleui 7 dedi predictae ecclesie de meo demenio simul cum terra Turstani .vi. acras 7 dimidiam 7 .xii. percatas terre . Illi uero homines mei reddiderunt 7 quietam clamauerunt totam terram suam quam supra memorauimus . fratribus scilicet de Neuhus perpetualiter possidendam absque calumpnia 7 retractacione 7 reclamacione aliqua sui & omniū heredum suorum 7 hoc iurisiurandi sacramento firmauerunt . 7 unicuique eorum dedi excambium de alia terra plenarie ad uoluntatem ipsorum . De meo demenio simul cum terra predictorum uirorum dedi eis 7 perfecti octoginta acras ad incolendum cum duabus acris terre ad mansuram suam faciendam . Quod si plus octoginta 7 duabus acris terre quicquam repertum fuerit : absque reclamacione aliqua de eis & concedo finabiliter . 7 in pace habendum : sin autem minus fuerit : eis adimplebo . quantum deficit . Quod totum simul cum pastura .ccc.<sup>tarum</sup> ouium dedi eis in perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 solutam 7 quietam a murdre . 7 danegeld . a scutagio . exercitu . equitatu . tam regis . quam comitis . necnon 7 placito . forifacto . 7 ab omni<sup>2</sup> seruicio 7 exactione seculari . pertinenti regi . siue comiti . siue uicecomiti . 7 ministris eorum . uel dominis meis .

<sup>1</sup> MS. *hus*.

<sup>2</sup> From this point the charter is written with appreciably less space between lines and words.



uel mihimetipsi . uel heredibus meis . aut alicui seculari persone . Ceterum si qua seruicia uel consuetudines inde exigantur : ego ⁊ heredes mei adquietabimus . Preterea concessi eis ⁊ scripto hoc confirmauimus totam terram quam Milo dedit eis in perpetuam elemosinam in campis de Bernetebi uidelicet .xl. acras terre . ⁊ tres cum mansura quam eis dedit . Isti interfuerunt ubi homines predicti mei abiurauerunt terram suam . Ricardus Scrop decanus . magister Sýmon de Altuna . Gaufridus de Kirnighetun . Petrus de Broclesbi presbiteri . Geruasius de Haburc . Gillebertus de Kilingeholm . Radulfus . de Bernetebi clerici . Petrus de Gausla . Balduinus de Biford . Walterus de Rideford . Willelmus de Insula . Milo de Bernetbi milites . Unfridus ⁊ Robertus filius Derewen de Neuhus . Hericus (*sic*) de Withetun . ⁊ plures alii . *Hus* (*sic*) tocius donationis mee ⁊ concessionis testes sunt . domnus Gillebertus abbas de Swinesued . ⁊ Alanus de Sancto Botulfo monachus eius . Alanus persona ecclesie de Bernetebi . ⁊ Randulfus . frater eius . et illi omnes qui audierunt quod homines mei predictam terram abiurauerunt . Henricus frater meus . ⁊ filii mei . Henricus miles Mathei filii comitis Flandrensis . Warinus . Gocius . Ailbodus . Flandrensis . ⁊ Galfridus filius eius . Alexander filius Willelmi fabri . Adolfus Samuel . Willelmus filius Herberti . Herbertus de Neuhus . Robertus filius Aghemundi . Henricus Talon . Johannes Pepin . Willelmus . Lewinus . ⁊ multi alii .

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No early endorsement.

## 246

**Harl. Chart. 47 I 33. Grant by Warner de Campania and Sarra his wife to Newhouse abbey of two bovates, two tofts, and nine acres of meadow, in Barrow on Humber. (Circa 1160.)**

Capitulo *Lincolniensi* & omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus & futuris Gwarnerius de Campania ⁊ Sarra sponsa eius . salutem . Notum sit uobis uniuersis nos dedisse & concessisse & presenti carta confirmasse deo & ecclesie sancti Marcialis apostoli de Neuhus & fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus duas bouatas terre in campis de Barwe cum duabus<sup>1</sup> toftis in eadem uilla . unam quam habuit Willelmus filius Eililde . & alteram quæ iacet ante portam Willelmi filii Haconis . & .ix. acras prati . uidelicet .iiii. acras ad occidentatlem (*sic*)<sup>2</sup> . partem de marum<sup>3</sup> . per transuersum Steinhholm . & .ii. acras inter magnum marum<sup>3</sup> . ⁊ paruum marum<sup>3</sup> . & .iii. acras

<sup>1</sup> Corrected from *duobus*.

<sup>2</sup> The second *t* is marked for deletion.

<sup>3</sup> Initial *m* written over cancelled *i*.

ad Loftbrige . cum omnibus aisiamentis eidem terre pertinentibus in pratis . pascuis . & marescis . in uiis . in semitis . infra uillam . & extra . Hanc itaque terram prescriptam dedimus predictis fratribus in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam & quietam & solutam ab omni seruitio . & consuetudine . & exactione seculari . pertinenti regi . siue uicecomiti . uel ministris eorum . aut dominis nostris<sup>1</sup> aut nobismetipsis<sup>2</sup> . aut heredibus nostris . a murdre . 7 de danegeld . a scutagio . & exercitu regis . & equitatu . de forifacto . 7 de placitis . 7 auxiliis regis . & uicecomitis . & ministrorum eorum . Si qua uero seruitia . aut consuetudines de terra illa exigantur : nos & heredes nostri de alia terra nostra illam acquietabimus . & contra omnes homines elemosinam istam istam ita prescriptam abbati 7 fratribus de Neuhus garantizabimus . Et si forte frater meus Henricus de Campania de tercia parte prescripti prati que pertinet ad .iii.<sup>am</sup> bouatam terre quam etiam predictis fratribus ipse in elemosinam dedit causam uoluerit mouere aut eos inde uexare . nos eis terram illam garantizabimus . 7 Henrico excambium dabimus . Ego autem Warnerius hanc elemosinam predictis fratribus dedi pro anima Gaufridi fratris mei cuius corpus in cimiterio de Neuhus sepultum iacet : 7 pro animabus patris & matris meæ & omnium antecessorum meorum . 7 pro salute anime meæ 7 sponse meæ & heredum meorum . & dominorum meorum & omnium amicorum meorum . Testibus magistro Simone capellano . de Haltuna . magistro . Roberto . filio . Ricardi . Scrop . Haket de Rideford . Waltero de Haltuna . Sýmone de Torne . 7 Ricardo . fratre eius . Ricardo . Berner . 7 Willelmo Berner Willelmo de Elleshaim . Hugone . Scrop . Safreí . Gerardo . filio . abbatis Eilbodone . Hunfrido de Neuhus . Symone . Scrop . Henrico Talun . Philippo abbate de Torentuna . 7 Rogero . canonico suo . Willelmo presbitero . de sancto Dionisio . Ricardo clerico . de Kiluingeholm . Willelmo clerico . de Torne . Radulfo . clerico de Fughelstuo . Nicolao de Areci . Michael e de Areci . Rogero de Cauz . Henrico de Broclesbi . Baldwino de Beford . Geruasio de Altuna . Willelmo de Saili . Johanne de Mels . Hamundo de Danetorp . Wido (*sic*) . de Edun . Roberto le surreis.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5791.]

Endorsed : (1) De terra Barue Warner (early thirteenth century). (2) Carta Guarneri de Capania de ii toftis 7 ii bouatis terre in Barue (fourteenth century). (3) Much abbreviated fifteenth-century note.

<sup>1</sup> Originally *meis*, but the third stroke of *m* is cancelled, the *e* also, and *r* is interlined.

<sup>2</sup> Originally *mmetipsis*, but the third stroke of the initial *m* is cancelled, and *ob* is interlined.

## 247

**Harl. Chart. 50 B 12.** Grant by Gilbert son of Nigel and Sigreth his wife to Newhouse abbey of a toft and a bovate of demesne in Brocklesby, with confirmation of two acres given by Henry, Gilbert's brother, and grant of another bovate of twenty acres lying between Newhouse and Brocklesby. (1143-1147.)

Alexandro dei gratia uenerabili patri suo Lincolniensi episcopo & uniuersis sancte dei ecclesie prelatis . cunctisque fidelibus Christianis . clericis & laicis . Francis & Anglis . Gilebertus filius Nigelli . & Sigreth sponsa eius . salutem . Notum uobis sit nos libere ac perpetualiter in elemosinam pro animabus nostris . & pro animabus antecessorum nostrorum dedisse & concessisse ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus & fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus . & testimonio cartule huius confirmasse unam toft<sup>1</sup> . scilicet meam partem de máre que iacet iuxta domum Iohannis presbiteri . quam ipse tenet de predictis fratribus de Neuhús . & unam bouatam terre de dominio meo . de Broclesbi . Preter hoc concedo eis & confirmo donationem Henrici fratris mei quam eis dedit . uidelicet duas acras terre . de feudo meo . de Broclesbi . in perpetuam elemosinam . Postea dedi eis aliam bouatam . que iacet ex una parte uille . id . est . inter Neuhus & Broclesbi . uidelicet xx.<sup>ti</sup> acras . 7 communem pasturam illius uille terre mee . Testimonio Henrici clerici fratris mei . & Alani fratris mei . Iohannis presbiteri de Broclesbi . Henrici armigeri mei . Normanni filii Martini . Willelmi filii Bernardi . Humfridi de Nehus . Berewoldi qui eo tempore prepositus erat mee terre . Uuegeth filii Beregolfi . Aschéri . 7 aliorum plurimorum.<sup>2</sup>

Slit only for seal tag.

No early endorsement.

## 248

**Harl. Chart. 47 C 21.** Confirmation by Henry son of Nigel of Brocklesby to Newhouse abbey of lands in Brocklesby formerly given by Gilbert, Henry's brother, and Henry himself, with a stipulation that Henry shall hold of the abbey twenty acres of this land and a messuage for which he has done homage and fealty. (Circa 1155.)

Roberto dei gratia Lincolniensi episcopo 7 uniuersis sancte dei ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris . Henricus filius Nigelli de

<sup>1</sup> No compendium is added to this word.

<sup>2</sup> The occasional strokes over individual letters are in lighter ink and very faint. The charter may have been touched up. At the end, 2½ ruled lines are left blank.



Broclesbi salutem . Noueritis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis apostoli de Nehus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus pro animabus antecessorum meorum 7 pro salute mea 7 meorum duas bouatas illas quas Gilebertus frater meus dedit eis in territorio de Broclesbi . alteram ex utraque parte uille sicut iacet de terra rusticorum que fuit Bóó sacerdotis . alteram de demenio nostro simul uiginti scilicet acras uersus Nehus cum una toft . id est eam partem de mare que ad nostrum feudum pertinet 7 cum tribus selionibus quas ego in primis eis dederam . 7 cum communi pastura uille terre mée . 7 hoc in perpetuam elemosinam 7 liberam 7 quietam á murdre 7 danegeld 7 scutagio . 7 ab omni seruitio 7 consuetudine . 7 ab omni exactione seculari pertinenti regi . aut ministris eius . aut dominis meis . aut mihimetipsi . aut heredibus meis . quod si quid seruitii aut consuetudinis siue exactionis inde exigatur : ego 7 heredes mei acquietabimus . Hoc notato quod ego Henricus 7 heredes mei tenebimus de ecclesia prenomintas uiginti acras cum ea mansura que fuit Ketelli reddendo annuatim .xii. denarios in natali sancti Marcialis apostoli . pro qua tenura ego feci homagium 7 fidelitatem ecclesie 7 abbati . 7 heredes mei similiter facturi sunt . Hus (*sic*) donationis 7 conuentionis testes sunt . Ricardus abbas de Welleford . 7 frater Walterus canonicus . Berengarius abbas de Wellebech . 7 frater Gaufridus canonicus eius . frater Dauid prior . frater Willelmus supprior . frater Seman . frater Radulfus de Hireford . 7 totus conuentus . Johannes presbiter de Broclesbi . Petrus de Gausla . Walterus filius Reinaldi de Kiluingholm . Iuo de Gausla . Willelmus filius Bernardi de Broclesbi . Hunfridus de Nehus . Henricus de Withetun . Jacob de Wathsand . Brien filius Willelmi . Pikot de Simpingham . Radulfus Bard . Henricus Talun . Robertus filius Derewin . Ailbodus . Segrin de Haltun . Matheus cocus . Willelmus de Setun . Robertus Ioie . Drogonus (*sic*) de Ulesebi . Sigwardus peregrinus . Machus de Nehus . Rogerus filius sanctimonialis . Radulfus custos . Hugo Radulfus Ricardus filii Duue . Siuardus litel.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5763.]

Illegible fragment of endorsement.

## 249

**Harl. Chart. 44 G 15.** Grant by Gerlo the abbot and the chapter of Newhouse to Henry of Brocklesby of one of the bovates which the abbey holds of his fee in Brocklesby, and a *mansura*. (Circa 1155.)<sup>1</sup>

.G. dei gratia abbas ecclesie sancti Marcialis apostoli de Neuhus 7

<sup>1</sup> In the same hand as the preceding charter.

capitulum eiusdem ecclesie omnibus hominibus 7 amicis suis Francis 7 Anglis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem . Noueritis nos dedisse 7 concessisse Henrico de Broclesbi 7 heredibus suis alteram illarum bouatarum quas tenemus de feudo suo scilicet uiginti acras uersus Neuhus cum ea mansura que fuit Ketelli de feudo Petri de Gausla tenendas de ecclesia nostra in feudum 7 hereditatem pro humagio suo 7 fidelitate sua que isdem Henricus fecit nobis 7 ecclesie nostre . 7 quod humagium 7 fidelitatem heredes sui facturi sunt qui eam tenuram habuerint . reddendo annuatim .xii. denarios in natali sancti<sup>1</sup> Marcialis apostoli Hus (*sic*) donationis testes sunt . Ricardus abbas de Welleford . 7 frater Walterus canonicus eius . Berengarius abbas de Wellebech 7 frater Gaufridus canonicus eius . frater Dauid prior frater Willelmus supprior . frater Seman . frater Radulfus de Hireford . frater Acardus . 7 totus conuentus . Johannes presbiter de Broclesbi . Petrus de Gausla . Walterus filius Reinaldi . Willelmus filius Bernardi . Hunfridus de Neuhus . Henricus de Withetun . Jacob de Wathsand . Iuo de Gausla . Brien filius Willelmi . Pikot de Sippingham . Henricus Talun . Robertus filius Derewin . Ailbodus . Segrin de Haltun . Matheus cocus . Willelmus de Setun . Robertus Ioie . Drogonus (*sic*) de Ulesebi . Sigwardus peregrinus . Machus de Neuhus . Rogerus filius sanctimonialis . Radulfus custos . Robertus Radulfus Ricardus filii Duue . Siuardus litel.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 3700.]

Endorsed : Carta feoffamenti (fifteenth century).

## 250

**Harl. Chart. 45 E 43.** Grant by Eudo of Alford to Newhouse abbey of three arable bovates on each side of the village of Brocklesby. (After 1182.) Collated, except for punctuation variations, with the duplicate charter Harl. 45 E 45.

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Eudo de Auford dedi 7 concessi 7 presenti carta mea confirmaui deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Nehus . 7 canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus . in campis de Broclosbi<sup>2</sup> tres bouetas<sup>3</sup> terre arabilis . ex una parte uille . 7 tres ex altera parte . cum pastura ad easdem bouetas pertinente . 7 omnibus aisiametis 7 libertatibus suis . Unam uidelicet bouetam decem acrarum de demenio meo ex australi parte uille de Broclosbi<sup>2</sup> . de quibus quatuor acre sunt ad Bramhil . 7 una acra ad Netherpittes . 7 tres acre ad Huerpittes . 7 due acre ad Leffleddeile<sup>4</sup> . Due uero bouate ex eadem parte uille

<sup>1</sup> Interlined.

<sup>3</sup> *bouatas*, as throughout 45 E 45.

<sup>2</sup> Broclausbi.

<sup>4</sup> Leffletdeile.



sunt de terra rusticorum . quas Milo ⁊ Henricus filius Ailof tenuerunt cum quinque acris ad perficiendum predictas duas bouetas . de quibus quinque acris . una ⁊ dimidia est ad Leffleddeile<sup>1</sup> . ⁊ una ⁊ dimidia ad Lingmare . ⁊ due acre repercuciant super bercariam<sup>2</sup> ⁊ diuisam de Cotun . De predictis uero tribus bouetis ex aquilonali parte uille . una boueta est de demenio meo . cuius una acra ⁊ dimidia est iuxta Lude stratam . ⁊ quatuor acre super Aldeschaldes<sup>3</sup> . ⁊ due acre<sup>4</sup> ⁊ dimidia super Scortebuttes . ⁊ una acra repercutit super Boyouedlande . ⁊ una acra est ad Foxgraues . Alie uero due bouete sunt de terra predictorum rusticorum Milonis ⁊ Henrici . cum tribus acris que repercuciant super stagnum<sup>5</sup> de Broclesbi<sup>6</sup> . ad perficiendum illas duas bouetas . Has uero<sup>7</sup> bouetas terre cum omnibus pertinentibus<sup>8</sup> suis dedi ego prefatis canonicis in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam liberam ⁊ quietam ab omni seruicio ⁊ exactione seculari . et ego ⁊ heredes mei warantizabimus eas eis ⁊ adquietabimus de forinseco seruicio uersus omnes homines in perpetuum pro amore dei ⁊ pro salute anime meę<sup>9</sup> ⁊ omnium antecessorum ⁊ heredum meorum . Testibus . Domino . R. decano Lincolniensi . Willelmo de Branfeld . Willelmo cancellario . Waltero Blundo . Ricardo de Kima . Ricardo de Lindwde<sup>10</sup> canonicis<sup>11</sup> . Thoma de Areci . Petro de Gausla . Johanne de Kiluingholm . Petro de Neuilla . Daud fratrem meo . Willelmo Berner de Haburg . Roberto de Kelebi . Galfrido . ⁊ Hugone filiis Willelmi Berner de Haburg . Henrico de Auford . Walterro (*sic*) canceller . Rogero preposito .

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5636.]

Endorsed : (1) Carta Eudonis de Auford de iiii bouatis terre in Broclesby (late thirteenth century). (2) Fragments of a fifteenth-century endorsement.

## 251

**Harl. Chart. 47 C 23.** Grant by Eudo son of Henry of Brocklesby to the abbot and brethren of Newhouse of a *cultura* in Brocklesby and five *percalae* of meadow in the marsh of Habrough. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus ⁊ futuris . Eudo filius Henrici de Broclosebi . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse ⁊ presenti carta

<sup>1</sup> Leffletdeile.      <sup>2</sup> berchariam.      <sup>3</sup> Aldescales.      <sup>4</sup> omit *acre*.

<sup>5</sup> stangnum.      <sup>6</sup> Broclousbi.      <sup>7</sup> insert *predictas*.

<sup>8</sup> pertinentiis.      <sup>9</sup> pro salute mea.      <sup>10</sup> Lindwode.

<sup>11</sup> From this point Harl. Chart. 45 E 45 continues :—Gerardo de Camiwill . R. de Kamiwill filius . eius . Huberto uicecomite . Willelmo de Hardredeshil . Petro filio Radulfi . Radulfo . filio Briani . Willelmo Berner de Kiluingholm . Galfrido Berner . ⁊ Hogone (*sic*) Berner de Haburg . Galfrido de Nehus . This duplicate has the donor's equestrian seal, as above, but is not endorsed.



confirmasse deo 7 abbati 7 fratribus de Nehus in campis de Broclosebi ad aquilonarem partem uille totam culturam meam de Langeberge que protenditur á strata Lude usque ad moram de Ulesbi uersus occidentem cum omnibus aisiamentis 7 libertatibus ad eam pertinentibus . Dedi etiam eis in maresco de Haburc quinque percatas prati ad Rudefleth 7 quinque percatas ad Boitoft per medium marescum á fossato usque ad fossatum . Hanc donationem feci ego eis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam 7 liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruicio 7 exactione seculari . excepto quod pro prato reddent ipsi Roberto filio Ricardi 7 heredibus eius annuatim octo denarios de warnothe die pentecostes 7 ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus eis hanc elemosinam uersus omnes homines pro amore dei 7 pro salute anime meę 7 sponse meę 7 pro animabus omnium antecessorum 7 heredum meorum . Testibus Daid persona fratre meo . Willelmo Berner de Haburc . 7 Galfrido filio eius . Hugone de Ulesbi 7 Thoma filio eius . Radulfo de Marmethor . Johanne de Lingber . Waltero chantheler .

Fragment of equestrian seal. [B. M. Cat. 5630.]

No endorsement.

## 252

**Harl. Chart. 47 C 22.** Grant by Eudo son of Henry of Brocklesby to the abbot and convent of Newhouse of the moiety of the church of Brocklesby. (1186-1200.)

Domino . H. dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo 7 uniuersis sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Eudo filius Henrici de Broclosbi . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse abbati 7 conuentui de Nehus medietatem ecclesie de Broclosbi cum omnibus que ad eandem medietatem pertinent in qua ego iure hereditario ius habeo presentandi . quod si ego uel heredes mei aliquid iuris recuperare potuerimus in futurum de alia medietate predictę ecclesie ego ex integro predictis concedo canonicis quicquid iuris habemus uel unquam habere poterimus ego uel heredes mei in eadem ecclesia . Hanc donationem feci eis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam pro amore dei 7 pro salute anime meę 7 pro anima patris mei . qui me in extremis sua petitione ad hanc donationem inclinauit . 7 presenti carte donationis meę sigilli mei testimonium apposui . Testibus . Radulfo de Rowella . 7 Rogero de Cukewalda . decanis . Matheo de Torgrimbi 7 Rogero de Lacellis canonicis de Grimesbi . Johanne sacerdote persona de Clakesbi . Daid fratre meo . Radulfo clerico de Cukewaud . Gileberto de Turs . Radulfo le curteis . Willelmo filio Simonis . Roberto de Seuerbi . Roberto nigro de *Lincolnia* .

Willelmo filio Rogeri de Castria . Simon de Limberge . Willelmo filio Gip de Nehus.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5628.]

Endorsed: (1) Eudonis filii Henrici de Auforda de medietate ecclesie de Brochlosebi. (2) Broclesby (both fifteenth century).

## 253

**Harl. Chárt. 47 C 20.** Grant by William of Brocklesby, son of Bernard, to Newhouse abbey of four acres of demesne in Brocklesby, with confirmation of two acres there given by Ralf Halselin, William's brother. (Circa 1155.)

Roberto dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo ⁊ uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris . Willelmus de Broclesbi filius Bernardi . salutem . Noueritis me dedisse ⁊ concessisse ⁊ carta mea confirmasse deo ⁊ ecclesie sancti Marcialis apostoli de Neuhus ⁊ fratribus ibi deo seruiantibus .iiii.<sup>or</sup> acras de meo demenio in territorio de Broclesbi in loco qui dicitur Langhebergh ⁊ duas acras terre quas eis frater meus Radulfus Halselin dedit unam ad extremitatem Langhebergh uersus meridiem alteram ex alia parte uille uersus meridiem . in perpetuam elemosinam liberam ⁊ quietam á murdre ⁊ danegeld ⁊ scutagio . ⁊ ab omni seruitio ⁊ consuetudine ⁊ ab omni exactione seculari pertinenti regi . aut ministris eius . aut dominis meis . aut mihi et ipsi . aut heredibus meis . Quod si quid seruitii aut consuetudinis siue exactionis inde exigatur ⁊ ego ⁊ heredes acquietabimus . ⁊ hoc pro salute mea ⁊ omnium antecessorum meorum . Testibus Ricardo abbate de Welleford ⁊ fratre Waltero canonico eius . Berengario abbate de Wellebech ⁊ fratre Gaufrido canonico eius . ⁊ toto conuentu eiusdem ecclesie de Neuhus Henrico clerico de Broclesbi . Hunfrido de Nehus . Waltero de Haburch . Ricardo fratre eius . Willelmo filio Gaufridi de Nehus . Ricardo filio Derewin . Henrico Talun . Willelmo filio Ansel . Edricus filius Snelling de Broclesbi . Matheus cocus . Iuone ⁊ Machus<sup>1</sup> de Neuhus . Gippo ⁊ Hagemundo de Nehus . Herberto Godsuaïn . Roberto ⁊ Ricardo ⁊ Radulfo filiis Duue . ⁊ multis aliis.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5751.]

No early endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> The writer seems to have confused Matthew and Machus, but his meaning is certain.

## 254

**Harl. Chart. 47 C 29. Grant by Simon son of William of Brocklesby to Newhouse abbey of the sixth part of the church of Brocklesby belonging to his fee. (Richard I.)**

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Simon filius Willelmi de Broclausbi salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo & ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Nehus . 7 canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus . quicquid ad ius meum spectat in ecclesia de Broclausbi . scilicet sextam partem eiusdem ecclesie pertinentem ad feudum meum quod teneo in Broclausbi de feudo Rogeri de Chauz . Hanc autem donationem feci predictis canonicis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee . 7 Cansandre sponse mée . 7 omnium antecessorum & heredum meorum . Testibus . Matheo capellano de Haburc . Willelmo capellano de Kilwingholm . Henrico capellano de Haltona . Petro de Gausla . Johanne de Kilwingholm . Willelmo Berner de Haburc . Waltero de Witthun . Radulfo 7 Simone filiis Petri de Gausla . Johanne de Lingberge . Ricardo de sancta Cruce . Waltero cancellario . Simone . Galfrido . Hugone filiis Willelmi Berner . Henrico Talun . Ailbodone Flandrensi . Galfrido filio Brian de Nehus .

Seal: lys. + SIGILLVM SIMONIS . DE BOCLOVSBI.  
No endorsement.

## 255

**Harl. Chart. 45 F 18. Grant by Randulf de Bayeux, Margaret his wife, Hugh their heir, and William his brother, to Newhouse abbey of a bovate of demesne in Cabourne. (1143-1147.)**

Alexandro dei gratia uenerabili patri suo Lincolienti episcopo . & uniuersis sanctę dei ecclesię prelatis . cunctisque fidelibus Christianis clericis 7 laicis Fracis (*sic*) 7 Anglicis . Randulfus de Baiwes & Margareta sponsa eius . 7 Hugo heres eorum atque Willelmus frater eius . salutem . Notum uobis sit nos libere ac perpetualiter in elemosinam pro animabus nostris 7 pro animabus antecessorum nostrorum dedisse 7 concessisse . ecclesię sancti Marcialis de Neuahus 7 testimonio cartule huius confirmasse unam bouetam terrę solam 7 quietam de dominio nostro in Catborna . quamdiu ibi ordo Premonstratensis ecclesie teneatur . coram hiis testibus . Toroldo presbitero . Hugone capellano . Petro de Golsa . Osberno presbitero Waltero filio eius . Hugone capellano . Roberto presbitero . Suano . Odone . Aeilardo .



Rogero de Punchardun . Berardo . Incalcato . Roberto de Scures  
Galtero filio Giffridi.

Seal : paschal lamb. + SOLETVR MESTOS CELIC<sup>9</sup> AGN<sup>9</sup>.

Endorsed : .a.

## 256

Cott. Chart. v. 19. Grant by Geoffrey de Turs and Amabilis his wife to Newhouse abbey of a *mansura*, four acres for a sheepfold, and five bovates, with pasture for 700 sheep, in Cabourne. (Circa 1150-1160.)

Roberto dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo 7 omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Galfridus de Turs 7 Amabilis sponsa eius salutem . Notum sit uobis omnibus nos dedisse 7 concessisse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie 7 sancti Marcialis apostoli de Neuhus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus ordinem *Premonstratensem* professis in liberam 7 puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam mansuram que fuit Garpolf in Kaburnia 7 <sup>iiii</sup><sup>or</sup> acras terre iuxta Restedic ad bercariam suam 7 alia hedeficia sua facienda . 7 v.<sup>que</sup> bouatas terre scilicet totam terram illam que iacet inter Foxdale 7 Westgathe cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . cum pastura septingentis ouibus cum agnis suis superannatis in campis prefate uille de Kaburnia . ubicunque ego uel homines mei habuerimus nostram pasturam . Nos uero 7 heredes nostri warantizabimus prefatis fratribus de Neuhus omnes prefatas terras cum prefata pastura sicut nostram liberam 7 puram elemosinam . Hanc autem donationem fecimus deo 7 prefatis fratribus pro salute animarum nostrarum . 7 heredum nostrorum 7 omnium antecessorum 7 amicorum nostrorum . His testibus . Roberto archidiacono *Lincolniensi* . magistro Haimo cancellario . Galfrido capellano . Rogero de Derebi . Magistro Malger (*sic*) . Gileberto elemosinario . Nicholao de Hamton . Laurentio . Ernaldo capellano Willelmi archidiaconi . Picoth de Turs . Henrico de Broclausebi clericis . Petro de Gausele . Willelmo filio Bernardi de Broclausebi . Herberto de Gausele militibus . Osberto de Kaburnia . Umfrido . Gippe . Ricardo . Gosse . Gippe filio Ailline<sup>1</sup> 7 Hagmundo fratre eius . Gileberto de Nouilla.

Seal suspended by silk cord : mound with wall on top and a tower within the wall. + SIGILLVM GAVFRIDI DE TVRS.

Endorsed : . Galfridi de Thurs . (thirteenth century). de Kaburnia (fifteenth century).

<sup>1</sup> The *n* in this name is certain.

## 257

**Harl. Chart. 48 B 38.** Confirmation by Alan of Claxby to New-house abbey of the land in Claxby given by Godard his father. (Circa 1150-1160.)

Roberto dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo . totique capitulo . 7 uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . tam modernis quam posteris . Alanus de Clakesbi salutem . Sciatis me concessisse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Nehus . 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus . terram quam eis dedit Godardus pater meus in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruitio . 7 consuetudine . quinque scilicet percatas terre de Wdedaile . in latitudine in campis de Clakesbi sub Pinkenhou secus diuisam inter Netheltun 7 Normanabi . 7 alibi decem percatas terre de Wdedaile in latitudine in Acreholes . 7 de Hengdaile quatuor percatas sub Snap ex septemtrionali parte de Tophtbec in latitudine . 7 duas ex australi parte de Bramebusche iuxta uiam similiter in latitudine . 7 dimidiam bouatam terre culte ex septemtrionali parte de Tophtbec . quam eis dedit pater meus pro anima Radulfi fratris mei . Et preter hoc dedi eis unam culturam sub Bramebusche . & unam bruscam iuxta Roudegathe . cum communi pastura terre mée . in illis campis 7 ceteris aisiamendis . ita ut pro hac prenominata elemosina non faciant aliqua seruitia seu consuetudines . nec regi . nec uicecomiti . nec ministris . nec alicui seculari persone . nec in mordre . nec in danegield . aut in exercitu regis . siue in scutagio . nec in forfaito (*sic*) . siue in placito aliquo . aut exactione aliqua seculari . nam ego 7 heredes mei eam in omnibus apud omnes adquietabimus . Totam hanc donationem fecimus ego 7 pater meus 7 Iordanus frater meus . super altare sancti Marcialis in die conuersionis patris mei apud Nehus . presente conuentu 7 his testibus . Wichardo presbitero de Claskesbi (*sic*) . Willelmo sacerdote . de Ulesbi . Tome canonico de Sancto Audomaro . Rotolando de Ulesbi . Johanne abbatis famulo . Radulfo Bard . Gileberto pergamenario . Rogero Scot . Yvone . Asaco . Radulfo . Anfrido de Claskesbi . Alexandro . Roberto . Ricardo . Ricardo legges . Alexandro sutore . 7 multis aliis.

Strip for seal.

Endorsed: Scripta est (thirteenth century) and traces of fifteenth-century writing.

## 258

**Harl. Chart. 47 A 34.** Confirmation by Hugh de Braibo to New-house abbey of lands given by William his father and Rannulf his brother, with a further grant of lands in Claxby and Normanby. (Circa 1150-1160.)

Roberto dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo . 7 toti capitulo *Lincolniensis* ecclesie . omnibusque fidelibus Christianis tam futuris quam presentibus . Hugo de Braibo salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus . 7 presenti cartula confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam libere solute 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine pro salute anime méé 7 pro animabus omnium parentum meorum 7 amicorum donationem . quam Willelmus de Braibo pater meus 7 Rannulfus frater meus dederunt 7 concesserunt eidem ecclesie 7 prenominationis fratribus . additis etiam huic eorum donationi quibusdam parciunculis ad augendam hanc elemosinam . 7 hoc specialiter pro anima Rannulfi fratris mei . uidelicet ut tota simul sit mea 7 eorum donatio . Locus qui uocatur Acreholes in campis de Clakesbi 7 Normannebi cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . 7 tota terra de meo feudo á uia qua itur ad Castriam usque Pinkenhóu . preter terram ecclesie de Normannebi . 7 ex alia parte predictae uie acra terre 7 dimidia . que uniuersa simul sunt .vi. acre uel parum plus aut minus . scilicet tota terra 7 culta 7 in boscho cum adiacenti prato de meo feudo á Raudhegate in Toftbech . 7 á Toftbech usque diuisam que est inter Normannebi 7 Neteltun . Testibus . Sýmone capellano de Haltunia . Willelmo scriba . Willelmo clerico de Sancto Marciale . Rogero filio Crispi 7 Waltero filio eius . Humfrido de Neuhus 7 Gippe . Sýmone de Sancto Audomaro . Gerardo filio abbatis . Roberto filio Willelmi . Gileberto de Kilmingholm . Bernardo . Wlmaro . Roberto filio Derewen de Neuhus . Willelmo Johanne famulis dompni abbatis 7 pluribus aliis ;

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : *Hugonis* de Braibo (circa 1200).

## 259

**Harl. Chart. 50 C 23. Grant by Thomas son of William and Agnes his wife to Newhouse abbey of the land in Grimsby which Randulf son of Baldwin held of him, for sixpence yearly. (Late Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Thomas filius Willelmi 7 Agnes sponsa eius salutem . Notum sit uniuersitati uestre nos concessu 7 assensu Willelmi filii 7 heredis nostri 7 amicorum nostrorum dedisse 7 concessisse 7 presenti carta nostra confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Nehus 7 canonicis ibidem deo ministrantibus terram nostram de Grimesbi quam Randulfus filius Balduini de nobis tenuit tenendam inperpetuum de nobis 7 heredibus nostris libere 7 quiete ab omni seruicio 7 exactione



seculari excepto quod idem canonici reddent annuatim nobis 7 heredi-  
bus nostris sex denarios infra octauas pentecostes . in eadem mansura  
que fuit Randulfi prenominati 7 hoc per hominem nostrum quem pro  
illis recipiendis miserimus . pro omni seruicio ad eandem terram perti-  
nente . Hanc donationem 7 concessionem fecimus eis pro amore dei 7  
pro salute animarum nostrarum 7 pro animabus omnium ante-  
cessorum 7 heredum nostrorum . Testibus . Hugone priore de Sixle .  
Serlone capellano . Willelmo . presbitero de Rasne . Radulfo , de  
Hotham . Nicholao filio Pagani . Alano de Cantebrigia . Rogero  
dispensatore . Alano filio . Gileberti . Henrico de Houtona . Waltero  
famulo prioris.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5958.]

No endorsement.

## 260

Harl. Chart. 44 G 18. Agreement between the abbot and convent  
of Newhouse and Baldwin son of Robert son of Randulf of  
Grimsby concerning the land in Grimsby granted by the  
preceding charter. (Late Henry II.)

CIROGRAPH.<sup>1</sup>

Hec est conuentio inter abbatem 7 conuentum de Neuhus . 7 inter  
Baldewinum filium Roberti filii Randulfi de Grimesbi . Scilicet quod  
abbas 7 conuentus de Neuhus dimiserunt<sup>2</sup> prenominato Baldewino  
terram illam que fuit Randulfi Baldewini in Grimesbi . excepta parte  
illa quam Sýmon pro quatuor solidis tenet de eis . Idem uero Balde-  
winus tenebit predictam terram quamdiu uixerit . uel quamdiu tenere  
uoluerit pro sex solidis annuatim reddendis . uidelicet .iii. solidos  
infra octauas pentecostes . 7 iii. solidos infra octauas beati Martini  
reddet<sup>3</sup> in eadem mansura . Adquietabit etiam ipse Baldewinus  
terram illam uersus regem . 7 uersus Thomam de Salebi . 7 heredes  
suos . 7 uersus omnes homines . 7 sciendum quod cum domus de-  
teriorate fuerint . Baldewinus eas réédificabit . Si uero fratres de  
Neuhus ibi meliora edificia fecerint : augebitur firma iuxta estima-  
tionem fidelium amicorum utriusque partis . Si autem Baldewinus  
defecerit patre suo superstite : pater ipsius tenebit prenominatam  
terram in uita sua . Post decessum autem utriusque : remanebit  
eadem terra libera 7 quieta fratribus de Neuhus cum toto

<sup>1</sup> Cut through, but not indented.

<sup>2</sup> Initial *p* was originally written here.

<sup>3</sup> *ei* inserted here but struck through.

superfacto . nec heredes eorum aliquid clamare poterunt de terra illa uel edificiis . Testibus Drogone filio Radulfi . Haket de Rideforda . Willelmo Kniuet de Beuerlaco . Waltero de Rideforda . Reginaldo filio Henrici . Willelmo filio Drogonis . Coram burgensibus de Grimesbi.

1. Large oval seal : very elaborate floriate device. + SIGILVM BALDWINI FIL . . . . .

2. Small oval seal : animal rampant. + SIGILLVM ROBERTI.

No endorsement.

## 261

**Harl. Chart. 46 B 2. Confirmation by William Berner of Habrough to Newhouse abbey of the alms given by Hugh Berner his father. (Circa 1150-1160.)**

. Roberto dei gratia Lincolniensi episcopo . et omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie . tam modernis quam posteris . Willelmus Berner de Haburc . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus . et presentis cartule testimonio confirmasse pro amore dei . & pro animabus antecessorum meorum . elemosinam quam Hugo Berner pater meus dedit & concessit predictae ecclesie . quando ibidem se reddidit fratrem & canonicum . in perpetuum liberam & quietam ab omni seculari seruitio . uidelicet . unam bouatam terre in campis de Haburc iuxta uadum de Scithere . & calumpniam de ecclesia eiusdem uille quam in ea habuimus . & unum toft in marescis de Haburc . sicuti illa die circumfossatum fuit . cum pastura . trecentarum ouium in eisdem marescis & eisiamenta aque . & communitatem predictae uille . Huius confirmationis testes sunt . Johannes de Broclesbi . Tomas de Medeltun . Hugo . Simon Herueus presbiteri . Henricus de Broclesbi . Willelmus de Clifsbi socer meus . Geruasius clericus de Haburc . Robertus Berner . Willelmus de Brorclesbi (*sic*) . Hugo clericus . Walterus Berner . & Willelmus Berner filius eius . Ricardus Berner . Ernisius filius Hugonis Berner . Walterus filius Fulcheri . 7 Henricus filius eius . Bricfort de Chiluingholm . Unfridus de Nehus . Gippe . Willelmus faber . Besing . Johannes . 7 homines de Haburc . Gilbertus . Hedric . Aubo . Auti . Willelmus . Hildebertus . Stefanus . Leuvinus . Ricardus filius Wilmari . 7 Walterus frater eius . Robertus filius Hunne . Hugo filius eius . Robertus Wlmari filius . Bertram . Eadwardus . Herueius . Hugo pastor . Walterus filius Hailofi . Wace armiger . Alanus faber .

Two seals : (1) (suspended by cord) ornate cross. + SIGI . . . . (2) (annexed by tag<sup>1</sup>) equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5699.]

Endorsed : Willelmi Berner (circa 1200), and traces of later writing.

<sup>1</sup> On the tag the letters lofi . Wazo armig . . . can be read.

## 262

**Harl. Chart. 46 B 3.** Grant by William Berner to Newhouse abbey of a toft in Sudnesse in the parish of Habrough. (Early Henry II.)

Rodberto secundo dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo totique capitulo eiusdem ecclesie 7 uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam modernis quam posteris . Willelmus Berner filius Hugonis Berner de Haburc salutem . Noueritis me dedisse 7 concessisse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus unum toft in Sudnesse in parrochia<sup>1</sup> de Haburc in marescis quod homines uocant le mura in perpetuam elemosinam libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruicio sicut aliqua elemosina liberius dari potest . pro salute anime mee 7 sponse méé Basilie . 7 pro anima patris mei Hugonis Berner . 7 omnium antecessorum meorum . Hii sunt testes . Geruasius clericus de Haburc . Willelmus scriptor de Haburc . Willelmus filius Gippe de Neuhus . Petrus de Gousla . Walter<sup>2</sup> de Kilmingholm . Geruasius de Haltun . Nicholaus de Areci . Ricardus Berner . Walterus filius Fulcheri . Walterus 7 Ricardus fratres eius de Haburc . Alanus . Rogerus filius Roberti . Gosse homo Petri de Gousla . Gippe de Neuhus . Henricus Talun . Willelmus nepos Geruasii de Haltun . Osbertus homo Gaufridi capellani regis . Willelmus frater fratris Martini . Rogerus cementarius . 7 multi alii.

Two seals: (1) on cord, ornate cross. + SI . . . . ILELMI B . . . . .  
(2) on tag, equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5701.]

Endorsed: (1) *Willelmi* Berner (circa 1200). Carta Hugonis Berner de i tofto in Suthnesse (fifteenth century). (2) viii<sup>o</sup> (fifteenth century).

## 263

**Harl. Chart. 46 B 4.** Grant by William Berner and Basilia his wife to Newhouse abbey of all that William had in his demesne in Nordnesse in Habrough. (Circa 1150-1160.)

Roberto dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo 7 uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Willelmus Berner filius Hugonis Berner de Haburc 7 Basilia sponsa eius . salutem . Noueritis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie & sancti Marcialis apostoli de Neuhus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus in parochia de Haburc quicquid habeo in Nordnesse in meo demenio in perpetuam elemosinam . liberam . 7 quietam ab omni

<sup>1</sup> Altered from *parrâchia*.

<sup>2</sup> No compendium at the end of this word.



seruicio seculari : ita ut hec donatio mea in nullo sit obnoxia siue regi . siue uicecomiti . siue ministris eius . set nec mihimetipsi . nec dominis meis . nec heredibus meis . nec alicui seculari persone . siue in mordre . siue in danegeld . uel scutagio . uel forifacto . uel placitis . nec in consuetudine aliqua . siue exactione qualibet seculari . Hanc elemosinam feci pro salute mea ⁊ sponse mée ⁊ omnium parentum ⁊ amicorum nostrorum . ⁊ pro salute anime mée ⁊ Hugonis patris mei ⁊ omnium antecessorum ⁊ successorum meorum predictę ecclesie annuente ⁊ concedente Nicolao de Areci ⁊ Michaelē fratre eius : de cuius Nicholai feudo illam terram tenui . Testibus . Johanne presbitero de Broclesbi . Geruasio ⁊ Waltero clericis de Haburc . Nicolao de Areci . ⁊ Michaelē fratre eius . Rogero de Cauz . Willelmo filio Gaufridi ⁊ Ricardo fratribus Symonis de Torne . Willelmo filio Gaufridi de Neuhus . Willelmo filio Bernardi de Broclesbi . Ricardo . de Wituna mililibus . Gaufrido . filio . Simonis de Torne . Simone fratre Henrici de Broclesbi . Waltero filio Fulcheri . Roberto . filio . Unne . Oube . Adric . Willelmo . filio . Stercher . Waltero . filio . Wlmari . Alano . filio . Radulfi . Hugone sutore . hominibus de Haburc . Henrico Talun . Ailbodone . Flandrense . Willelmo . fratre fratris Martini . Matheo . Iuone . Gilleberto de Holm . Iuone filio Godefridi . Swauo . Lewino longo . Willelmo de Broclesbi . Rogero purs<sup>1</sup> . Radulfo de Ulesbi . Rogero filio sanctimonialis . Alexandro . ⁊ multis aliis

Seal : ornate cross. + SIGILLVM WILELMI BERNERI.

No endorsement.

## 264

**Harl. Chart. 46 B 10.** Grant by William Berner to Newhouse abbey of nine roods of meadow of his demesne in the marsh of Habrough. (Circa 1170.) Collated, except for punctuation variations, with the duplicate charter Harl. 46 B 11.<sup>2</sup>

Capitula beate Marie Lincolniensi . ⁊ omnibus<sup>3</sup> sanctę matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris Willelmus Berner de Haburch salutem . Sciatis me dedisse ⁊ concessisse<sup>4</sup> ⁊ hac carta mea confirmasse deo ⁊ ecclesie sanctę Marie ⁊ sancti Marcialis apostoli de Neuhus . ⁊ fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus nouem percatas prati in latitudine de demenio meo per medium maresci de Haburch<sup>5</sup> . ⁊ in

<sup>1</sup> The final *s* is interlined.

<sup>2</sup> This duplicate bears the same seal as 46 B 10, and is endorsed : Confirmacio nouem perticarum in marisco de Haburgha (fifteenth century).

<sup>3</sup> Capitula Lincolniensi ⁊ uniuersis.

<sup>4</sup> ⁊ concessisse omitted.

<sup>5</sup> Haburc, and so throughout.

longitudine ab una fossa antiqua usque ad alteram fossam antiquam . illas scilicet in quibus ouile eorum situm est . culturam uidelicet ad orientalem plagam in perpetuam elemosinam . liberas ⁊ quietas ab omni seruitio ⁊<sup>1</sup> exactione seculari . Hiis testibus . Goslino de Engelebi<sup>2</sup> . Thoma de Aresci . Roberto de Aresci . Henrico de Aresci . Ricardo Berner . Willelmo le Angeuin . Willelmo de Neuhus . magistro Viello . Auti mercenario . Ricardo mercenario . Osberto mercenario . Heliseo de Faleis . Iuone mercenario<sup>3</sup> . Ricardo filio Derewen<sup>4</sup> de Neuhus . Gileberto perkamenario . Waltero clerico de Haburch.<sup>5</sup>

Seal as appended to No. 263.

Endorsed : Carta Willelmi Berner de ix (percatas prati) per medium mariscum de (Haburch). Very illegible (late thirteenth century).

## 265

**Harl. Chart. 49 C 19. Confirmation by Thomas de Aresci to Newhouse abbey of meadow in the marsh of Habrough given by William Berner.<sup>6</sup> (Circa 1170.)**

Capitulo Lincolniensi . ⁊ uniuers (*sic*) sancte matris ecclesie filiis . tam modernis quam posteris . Thomas de Aresci . salutem ; Sciatis me concessisse . ⁊ hac carta mea confirmasse . deo . ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie . ⁊ sancti Marcialis apostoli de Neuhus . nouem percatas prati in latitudine per medium maresci de Haburc . ⁊ in longitudine ab una fossa antiqua usque ad alteram fossam antiquam . illas . scilicet . in quibus ouile eorum situm est . culturam . uidelicet . ad orientalem plagam . quas dedit eis Willelmus Berner de demenio suo in perpetuam elemosinam . ⁊ carta sua confirmauit . liberas ⁊ quietas . ab omni seruicio . ⁊ ab omni seculari exactione ; Hiis testibus Goslino de Engelbi . Roberto de Aresci . Henrico de Aresci . Ricardo Berner . Willelmus (*sic*) Angeuin . Willelmo de Neuhus ; magistro Viello . Auti mcenario (*sic*) . Ricardo mercenario . Osberto mercenario . Heliseo de Faleis . Iuone mercenario . ⁊ Brianno filio eius . Ricardo filio Derewenne de Nehus . Gileberto parkamenario . Waltero clerico de Haburc . ⁊ multis aliis ;

Tag only for seal.

No endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> ab omni *inserted*.

<sup>3</sup> Brianno filio eius *inserted*.

<sup>5</sup> ⁊ multis aliis *added*.

<sup>2</sup> Engelbi.

<sup>4</sup> Derewenne.

<sup>6</sup> In the same hand as Harl. 46 B 11.

## 266

**Harl. Chart. 46 B 5. Confirmation by William Berner to Newhouse abbey of all his former gifts, renewal of all agreements made between him and the brethren of that house, and release of his claim in respect of damage sustained through the repair of their north mill. (1183-1184.)**

Waltero dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo . omnibusque sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Willelmus Berner de Haburch . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 presentis carte testimonio confirmasse pro amore dei 7 pro salute anime mee . 7 pro anima patris mei . 7 pro animabus omnium antecessorum 7 heredum meorum . omnes donationes 7 elemosinas quas ego dedi deo 7 ecclesie sancti . Marcialis apostoli de Nehus . 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus cum omnibus aisiamentis 7 libertatibus que continentur in cartis meis quas inde habent . 7 uolo 7 concedo quod omnes conuentiones que inter me 7 predictos fratres habite sunt secundum quod constitutum est inter nos firmiter 7 plenarie conseruentur . Preterea remitto eis calumpniam quam habui erga eos de nord molendino suo 7 de dampno quod mihi accidisse querebar de renouatione 7 mutatione eiusdem molendini . per refluxum aque uersus territorium de Haburch . postquam conuenerat inter me 7 primum abbatem eorum Gerlonem . de ueteri molendino 7 firmatura stagni . sicut carta mea testatur . 7 concedo eis 7 presenti carta confirmo quod sine omni contradictione mei 7 meorum firment in futurum prefatum molendinum 7 stagnum eius per omnia ad suum commodum . 7 firmiter promitto deo 7 sancto Marciali quod nullam eis inde mouebo calumpniam . nec heredes mei aliquam eis inde molestiam facient nec impedicionem . Testibus Gilone de Gousa . Osberto Luuel . Waltero de Kiluingholm . 7 Johanne filio . eius . Willelmo Britone . Willelmo Berner . de Kiluingholm . Roberto Berner 7 Willelmo fratre suo . Henrico . Talun . Rogero filio Gosse.

Seal as appended to No. 263.

Endorsed : Northmyln (fifteenth century).

## 267

**Harl. Chart. 46 B 7. Grant by William Berner of Habrough, Agnes his wife, and Simon his son to Newhouse abbey of a toft in Habrough, three acres of land on each side of the village, and a rood of meadow in the marsh, for the service of the altar of St. Margaret. (After 1186.)**

Hugoni dei gratia episcopo *Lincolniensi* . 7 omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Willelmus Berner de Haburch . 7 Agnes sponsa eius . 7 Simon filius ipsius . salutem . Sciatis nos dedisse



7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis apostoli de Nehus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus unum toftum in Haburch quod fuit Godrici carpentarii in australi parte ecclesie . cum tribus acris terre ex una parte uille 7 tribus ex altera . Scilicet ex australi parte uille tres acras simul de meo demenio a la gaire . 7 ex aquilonari parte uille tres acras . ad Walewudthe . 7 Adelmundecroft . 7 Abbemare de terra que fuit Walteri filii Wulmari . 7 ad Hwaitacres ad perficiendum quod minus ibi fuit a tribus acris . 7 unam percatam prati iuxta nouem percatas de sua elemosina ad culturam orientalem in marescho de Haburch . Hanc elemosinam fecimus eis ad seruendum altare sancte Margarete 7 missam ibi celebrandam semel in septimana scilicet in die Lune uel in die Ueneris . 7 inueniendum ibi omnia necessaria ad ministrandum . pro amore dei 7 pro salute nostra 7 amicorum 7 heredum nostrorum<sup>1</sup> . 7 pro animabus nostris 7 Basilie sponse mee . 7 omnium antecessorum 7 heredum nostrorum . Testibus . Matheo capellano de Haburch . Gileberto de Funtenai . Henrico filio Roberti . Baldwino filio . Walteri filii Fulcheri . Alano filio . Radulfi . Waltero filio . Baldwini clerico . Rogero de Burch . Willelmo filio . Sezeline . Willelmo filio . Gocelini . coram aliis parochianis de Haburch.

Seal as appended to No. 263.

No endorsement, but on the upturned strip at the foot of the charter is written : Contraria est maiori carte quam de Willelmo Berner habemus (Circa 1200).

## 268

**Harl. Chart. 46 B 6. Grant by William Berner, Agnes his wife, and Simon his son to Newhouse abbey of three tofts in Habrough, one of which, with three acres on each side of the village and a rood of meadow, William had given to the church of Habrough for the service of the altar of St. Margaret, with release of certain claims possessed by William against the brethren. (Late Henry II.)**

Capitulo beate Marie Lincolnie 7 omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Willelmus Berner de Haburch 7 Agnes sponsa eius . 7 Simon filius eius salutem . Noueritis nos dedisse 7 concessie (*sic*) 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis apostoli de Neuhus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus . pro anima patris mei 7 matris mée . 7 pro salute animarum nostrarum 7 omnium antecessorum 7 successorum nostrorum . tres toftas in uilla de Haburch . unam ex aquilonari parte ecclesie scilicet illam que fuit Lewine . alteram in occidentali parte eiusdem uille . scilicet illam que fuit Heruei Chent . terciam uero que fuit Godric carpentarii<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Corrected from *meorum*.

<sup>2</sup> Corrected from *cappentarii*.

dedi ecclesie sancte Margarete de Haburc cum tribus acris terre ex una parte uille 7 tribus ex altera . 7 cum una percata prati que est iuxta alias nouem percatas quas eis prius dederam in elemosinam . ad seruiendum altare sancte Margarete . in liberam 7 puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberas 7 quietas ab omni seruitio 7 exactione seculari . Nam si quod seruitium de predicta elemosina exigatur . ego 7 heredes mei eam de nostra alia terra adquietabimus . Preterea quietam clamaui predictis fratribus in puram elemosinam circa natiuitatem sancti Johannis Baptiste ante quam Gerlo primus abbas de Neuhus decessit . totam calumpniam quam imposui ecclesie sancte Margarete de Haburch . 7 calumpniam quam erga eos habui de sorore mea . necnon 7 omnes alias calumpnias quas erga eos habui . De cetero dedi eis 7 concessi liberum exitum 7 introitum omnibus toftis quas de me in uilla de Haburch uel extra uillam habent . Et si quis eis super hiis prenomminatis elemosinis aduersari uoluerit . ego eis illas contra omnes homines guarantizabo . Has predictas elemosinas . 7 ceteras quas cartis meis confirmatas habent . 7 sigilli mei testimonio consignatas . fidei sacramento eis firmaui contra omnes homines guarantizare . Testibus . Willelmo decano de Bredela . Radulfo filio eius . Waltero sacerdote de Laifsebi . Petro clerico de Berneteþi . Hachet de Rideford . Hugone de Thorgrimbi . Willelmo Berner de Kiluingholm . Roberto Berner . Alano filio Radulfi . Hugo de Sarnais . Ricardo de Coleuile . Milone de Fontibus . Waltero fratre Willelmo (*sic*) Berner de Kiluingholm . Willelmo Ha . Herberto nepote Humfridi de Neuhus . magistro Alfredo diacono . Waltero clerico de Haburch . Goscelino preposito . Acce homine Gilonis . Hugone filio Sesceline . Henrico Talun . Gaufrido clerico filio Geruasii clerici.

Seal as appended to No. 263.

Endorsed illegibly in a fifteenth-century hand.

## 269

**Harl. Chart. 46 B 8. Grant by William Berner to Newhouse abbey of pasture, a salt-pan, and land, in Habrough. (After 1186.)**

Domno Hugoni Lincolnensi episcopo 7 omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Willelmus Berner de Haburc . salutem . Noueritis me dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sancto Marciali 7 fratribus de Nehus . totam pasturam que est de meo feodo in Nortnesse maresci de Haburc . 7 totam muram cum salina 7 omnibus pertinenciis eius que est a boreali parte mure quam

eis ante dederam de feudo meo . 7 liberum introitum 7 exitum per feudum meum de bercharia sua que est iuxta Nortnesse . et de meo demenio quicquid est terre arabilis 7 maresci . supra bouatam illam quam pater meus eis dederat in cultura mea que est a boreali parte uadi quo itur de Haburc ad Nehus . usque in filum aque de Schitre . quantum ipsa cultura extenditur in latitudine . 7 de incremento unam acram terre ab australi parte stagni nort molendini . supra toft . a prato quod est ab orientali parte illius terre usque ad filum aque de Schiter . Hec omnia dedi eis pro amore dei 7 pro salute anime mée 7 pro animabus patris mei 7 matris mée 7 omnium antecessorum 7 heredum meorum in purram (*sic*) 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruicio . Et ego 7 heredes mei warentizabimus eis omnia que prescripta sunt uersus omnes homines in perpetuum . Quare uolo 7 concedo quod omnes donaciones mée 7 conuentiones que inter me 7 predictos fratres habite sunt . secundum quod constitutum est inter nos 7 scriptum tam in ista carta quam in ceteris cartis omnibus quas de me habent firmiter 7 plenario conseruentur . 7 in plenario capitulo super textum ewangelii firmiter promisi . et promitto deo 7 sancto Marciali quod nullam eis in futurum inde mouebo calumniam . nec heredes mei aliquam eis inde molestiam facient nec impedicionem . His testibus . Gilone de Gousla . Johanne de Kiluuingham (*sic*) militibus . Willelmo filio Folcric capellano de Kilwingholm . Galfrido 7 Hugone filiis meis . Radulfo 7 Petro fratribus Gilonis de Gousla . Waltero de Widetun . Petro filio Gilonis . Nicolao de Beford.

Seal as appended to No. 263.

No endorsement.

## 270

**Harl. Chart. 46 B 12. Grant by William Berner of Habrough to the church of Habrough of two acres of arable in Habrough. (Late Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Willelmus Berner de Haburc salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie de Haburc in honore altaris beate Katerine in eadem ecclesia . duas acras terre arabiles in teritorio (*sic*) de Haburc . unam uidelicet acram ex australi parte uille super Langeberghe inter terras dominarum de Apeltun 7 filiorum Wimarche . 7 alteram acram uersus Sarnesse super Austlanghefurlanges iuxta terram domine Ingerithe sororis mee . liberas 7 quietas 7 solutas ab omni seruicio 7 exactione seculari in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . pro salute anime mee 7 sponse mee 7 heredum 7 omnium antecessorum meorum . 7 ego 7 heredes mei hanc predictam elemosinam uuaranti-



zabimus predictę ecclesię uersus omnes homines inperpetuum . Teste Matheo capellano de Haburc . Waltero clerico . Galfrido . de Crokestun . 7 tota parochia de Haburc . ubi ista elemosina facta fuit die quadam dominica qua abbas de Berling celebrauit missam ad predictum altare. see p 167  
Bewlins (2)

Seal as appended to No. 263.

Endorsed : . . . . . per Willelmum Berner (fifteenth century).

## 271

**Harl. Chart. 46 B 9. Confirmation by William Berner to Newhouse abbey of various gifts made by himself and Hugh Berner his father. (Circa 1190.)**

Uniuersis sanctę matris ecclesię filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Willelmus Berner filius Hugonis Berner de Haburch salutem . Noueritis me dedisse 7 concessisse . 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse . tam ex donatione patris mei Hugonis Berner quam ex mea adiectione deo 7 ecclesię sancti Marcialis apostoli de Nehus . 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus in campis de Haburc unam bouatam terre quam Hugo pater meus dedit 7 concessit predictę ecclesię quando se ibidem reddidit canonicum . uidelicet illam bouatam que est iuxta uadum de Schýtere . scilicet totam illam culturam sicut iacet inter duas diuisas cum tota terra arabili . 7 prato . 7 maresco . secundum latitudinem eiusdem culture usque in filum aque de Schýtere . 7 unum toftum in marescis de Haburc sicut illa die circumfossatum fuit cum pastura trecentarum ouium . in eisdem marescis . 7 cum omnibus aisiamentis 7 comunitate predictę uille de Haburch . De adiectione uero mea unam acram terre ab australi parte stagni north molendini supra toft . a prato quod est ab orientali parte illius terre usque in filum aque de Schýtere . Remisi eciam eis calumpniam quam habui aduersus eos in ecclesia de Haburch . Et dedi eis nouem percatas prati in latitudine de meo demenio per medium maresci de Haburch . 7 in longitudine ab una fossa antiqua usque ad alteram fossam antiquam . illas scilicet in quibus ouile eorum situm est . culturam uidelicet ad orientalem plagam . Dedi eciam eis unum toftum in Suthnesse in marescis de Haburch . quod homines uocant le mure . 7 quicquid est de meo feudo in Northnesse maresci de Haburch . 7 totam muram cum salina 7 omnibus pertinentiis eius . que est a boreali parte mure . quam eis ante dederam . de feudo meo . 7 liberum introitum . 7 exitum per feudum meum de bercaria sua que est iuxta Northnesse . Ad seruendum autem altare sanctę Margarete 7 missam ibi celebrandam semel in septimana . 7 inueniendum ibi omnia necessaria ad ministrandum dedi unum toftum in Haburch quod fuit Godrici carpentarii ex australi parte

ecclesie cum tribus acris terre ex una parte uille . 7 tribus ex altera . scilicet ex australi parte uille tres acras ad Austerwelles . duas acras 7 dimidiam in aquilonari parte culture mee . 7 quid ibidem de tribus acris deest perfecti eis in australi parte eiusdem culture . 7 ex aquilonari parte uille tres acras . scilicet ad Walewrt tres percatas . 7 ad Edmundecroft tres percatas . 7 ad Abbemare dimidiam acram de terra que fuit Walteri filii Wlmarii . 7 ad Hwateacres dimidiam acram . 7 ad Grimestoft dimidiam acram . cum una percata prati iuxta nouem percatas de mea elemosina ad culturam orientalem in maresco de Haburch . Et ad seruitium altaris sancte Katherine in ecclesia de Haburch duas acras terre arabilis in territorio de Haburch . unam uidelicet acram ex australi parte uille super Langeberge inter terras dominarum de Appeltune 7 filiorum Wimerch . 7 alteram acram uersus Sarenesse super Austlangfurlanges iuxta terram domine Ingerithe sororis mee . Dedi etiam predictis fratribus predictae ecclesie de Nehus . tres acras terre arabilis ex una parte uille de Haburch . 7 tres ex altera . Ex aquilonari parte uille ad Walewrt unam sellionem que fuit Ingelberd . habentem tres acras . 7 quid de tribus acris in illa sellione deest perfecti in occidentali parte culture mee proxime adiacentis . 7 in australi parte uille tres acras in australi parte culture de Croslangfurlanges . Preterea dedi eis unam mansuram in Haburch que fuit Ingolf ab orientali parte uie uersus Kiluingholm . 7 dimidiam bouatam terre de meo demenio . scilicet ab australi parte uille duas acras ad Langeberge . ex orientali parte culture uersus moniales de Cotum . 7 terciam ad la gaire . uersus moniales de Appeltune 7 quartam in transuerso uie uersus moniales de Cotum (*sic*) . 7 ex boreali parte uille ad Spinam duas acras . 7 ad Abbemare unam acram ex orientali parte culture . 7 ad Edmundecroft unam acram ex orientali parte culture . 7 unam percatam<sup>1</sup> prati per medium marescum ad occidentalem culturam ex orientali parte culture uersus moniales de Cotum . Preterea remitto eis calumpniam quam habui erga eos de north molendino suo . 7 de dampno quod mihi accidisse querebar ex renouatione 7 mutatione eiusdem molendini per reflexum aque uersus territorium de Haburch . postquam conuenerat inter me 7 primum abbatem eorum Gerlonem . de ueteri molendino 7 firmatura stagni sicut carta mea testatur . 7 concessi eis 7 presenti carta confirmaui . quod sine omni contradictione mei 7 meorum firment in futurum prefatum molendinum 7 exaltent stagnum eius per omnia ad suum commodum . 7 firmiter promisi deo 7 sancto Marciali quod nullam eis inde mouebo calumpniam . nec heredes mei aliquam eis inde molestiam facient nec impeditiorem . Has prenomintas terras 7 elemosinas cum omnibus

<sup>1</sup> Corrected from *percatas*.

libertatibus 7 aisiamentis ad eas pertinentibus cum libero introitu . 7 exitu . 7 transitu . 7 cariaagio . dedi ego 7 concessi 7 confirmaui prefatis fratribus in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam . 7 quietam ab omni seruitio . 7 exactione seculari . Et ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus eis eas 7 adquietabimus uersus reges 7 ministros eorum 7 uersus dominos meos . 7 uersus omnes homines . sicut nostram liberam elemosinam pro amore dei . 7 pro salute anime mee . 7 sponse mee . 7 patris mei . 7 matris mee . 7 omnium antecessorum meorum 7 heredum meorum . Testibus . Thoma de Areci . Petro de Neuilla . Rogero de sancto Martino . Gilberto de Arches . Ricardo de Fontibus . Ricardo de Otringham . Petro de Castilliun . Johanne de Karthorp . Roberto de Kelebi . Roberto de Imingham . Galfrido 7 Hugone filiis Willelmi Berner . Willelmo Berner filio Ricardi . Willelmo filio Hauselini . Willelmo filio Bernardi . Petro de Seuerbi . Petro de Arches . Roberto Bretun . Willelmo filio Gocelini . Baldewino filio Walteri . Waltero Berner . Rogero preposito . Henrico Talun . 7 Willelmo filio eius.

Seal on silk cord as appended to No. 263.

On upturned foot of charter .ccc.<sup>te</sup> oues (contemporary).

Endorsed: Donacio unius bouate terre in Haburght cum iiohus tofts in salse marisco (fifteenth century).

## 272

**Harl. Chart. 49 C 20. Confirmation of the same gifts by Thomas son of Thomas de Areci.<sup>1</sup> (Circa 1190.)**

Capitulo sancte Marie *Lincolniensis* 7 omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Thomas de Areci filius 7 heres Tome de Areci salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis apostoli de Neuhus . 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus omnes donationes quas Hugo Berner de Haburch 7 Willelmus filius 7 heres eius eis dederunt . In primis uidelicet in campis de Haburch unam bouatam terre quam Hugo Berner 7 Willelmus Berner filius eius dederunt 7 concesserunt predicte ecclesie quando Hugo Berner se ibidem reddidit canonicum . Illam uidelicet bouatam que est iuxta uadum de Schýtere usque in filum aque de Schýtere . 7 unum toftum in marescis de Haburch cum pastura trecentarum ouium . in marescis eisdem cum omnibus aisiamentis uille predicte de Haburch . 7 remissionem calumpnie quam in ecclesia eiusdem uille de Haburch habuerunt . Ex proprio dono predicti Willelmi Berner unam acram terre supra toft . 7 nouem percatas prati in latitudine de suo demenio per medium maresci de Haburch 7 in longitudine ab una fossa antiqua

<sup>1</sup> In the same hand as No. 271.



usque ad alteram fossam antiquam . illas scilicet in quibus ouile eorum situm est . 7 unum toftum in Suthnesse in marescis de Haburch quod homines uocant le mure . 7 quicquid est de suo feudo in Northnesse maresci (*sic*) de Haburch 7 totam muram cum salina 7 omnibus pertinentiis eius que est a boreali parte mure quam eis ante dederat de feudo suo . 7 liberum introitum 7 exitum per feudum suum de bercaria sua que est iuxta Northnesse . Et ad seruiendum altare sancte Margarete unum toftum de Haburch quod fuit Godrici carpentarii cum tribus acris terre ex una parte uille 7 tribus ex altera . scilicet ex australi parte uille tres acras ad Austerwelles . 7 ex aquilonari parte uille tres acras . scilicet ad Walewrt . 7 ad Edmundecroft ad Abbe-mare . ad Hwateacres 7 ad Grimestoft . cum una percata prati iuxta nouem percatas de sua elemosina ad culturam orientalem in maresco de Haburch . 7 ad seruitium altaris sancte Katerine in ecclesia de Haburch duas acras terre arabiles in territorio de Haburch . unam scilicet acram super Langeberge 7 alteram acram super Austlangfurlanges . 7 tres acras terre arabiles ex una parte uille de Haburch 7 tres ex altera . scilicet ex aquilonari parte uille tres acras ad Walewrt . 7 in australi parte uille tres acras ad Croslangefurlanges . Preterea unam mansuram in Haburch que fuit Ingolf 7 dimidium bouatam terre de suo demenio scilicet duas acras ad<sup>1</sup> Langeberge in australi parte uille . 7 terciam a la Gaire . 7 quartam in transuerso uie uersus moniales de Cotum . 7 ex boreali parte uille duas acras ad Spinam . 7 unam acram ad Abbemare . 7 unam acram ad Edmundecroft . 7 unam percatam prati per medium maresci ad occidentalem culturam uersus moniales de Cotum . 7 duas bouatas terre in Haburch . illam scilicet bouatam que fuit Arnulfi . 7 aliam que fuit Gode . cum duabus mansuris illis que fuerunt Leppe 7 Heruei Kent . cum omnibus pertinentiis utriusque bouate 7 mansure . et quietam clamationem calumpnie quam predictus Willelmus Berner habuit erga eos de stagno north molendini sui . 7 concessionem . 7 confirmationem . predicti Willelmi Berner . quod sine omni contradictione sui 7 suorum firment in futurum prefatum molendinum 7 exaltent stagnum eius per omnia ad suum commodum . Hec omnia predicta sicut diuisa sunt 7 distincta in cartis predicti Willelmi Berner cum omnibus libertatibus 7 pertinentiis eorum concedo . 7 confirmo prenominationis fratribus in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam . 7 quietam . ab omni seruitio 7 exactione seculari . pro amore dei 7 pro salute anime mee . 7 omnium antecessorum 7 heredum meorum . Et ego warantizabo ea eis uersus omnes homines . Testibus . Petro de Neuilla . Rogero de Sancto Martino . Gileberto de Arches Ricardo . de Funtaines .

<sup>1</sup> Corrected from *apud*.

Ricardo . de Oteringham . Petro de Castellun . Johanne de Carthorp .  
Roberto de Kelebi . Roberto de Immingham . Galfrido . 7 Hugone  
filiis Willelmi Berner.

Large seal suspended by silk cord: ornament of six points.  
+ SIGILLVM THOME DE DARCI.

Counterseal: impression of gem. + SIGILL TOMAE DARCI.

Fifteenth-century endorsement, largely illegible.

## 273

**Harl. Chart. 46 A 55. Sale by William Berner to Ernis de Novavilla of Edric, William's *rusticus* with his sons and daughters. (Henry II.)**

Willelmus Berner omnibus hominibus suis Francis 7 Anglis salutem .  
Sciatis me uendidisse Ernisio de Nouauilla Edricum hominem meum  
cum filiis 7 filiabus suis solutum 7 quitum (*sic*) ipsi Ernisio 7 heredibus  
suis de me 7 heredibus meis sicut rusticum meum . ita quod pre-  
dictus Ernisius dedit mihi pro ipso et liberis suis .xx. solidos . 7 uxori  
mee unum peplum duorum solidorum . His testibus . Willelmo Hal-  
selin . Gileberto de Arches . Adam de Nouauilla . Geruasio clerico  
de Habure . Roberto Berner . Alano filio Radulfi . Joscelino  
preposito . Waltero de Haburg . Waltero de Kelebi . Roberto  
Escrop . Rogero de Sauerbi . Joscelino Escrop.

Slit for seal tag.

No endorsement.

## 274

**Harl. Chart. 46 B 1. Grant by William Berner to Ernis de Nouilla of the bovat and *mansio* in Habrough which were Edric's, and a salt-pan in the marsh which Acha had at rent. (Henry II.)**

Willelmus Berner amicis suis omnibus & hominibus Francis 7  
Anglicis<sup>1</sup> tam futuribus quam presentibus salutem . Sciatis me dedisse  
7 hac mea karta confirmasse Ernisio de Nouilla propter homagium 7  
seruitium suum 7 heredibus suis unam bouatam terre in Habure que  
fuit Edrici cum mansione eiusdem Edrici tenendam de me 7 de  
heredibus meis 7 unam salinam in marisso ex parte aquilonari de  
meo demenio quam Acha habuit ad firmam 7 cum prato predictae  
bouate pertinente et cum comuni pastura eiusdem uille 7 cum libero  
introitu 7 exitu illi 7 heredibus suis tenendam de me 7 de heredibus  
meis in feudo 7 hereditate libere 7 quiete de omni seculari seruitio quod  
ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinet . Redendo (*sic*) singulis annis die  
sancti Botulphi uel infra octauum diem mihi uel heredibus meis vi.  
denarios uel una kalkaria (*sic*) deargentata . Et ipse Ernisius 7

<sup>1</sup> Corrected from *Agglicis*.

heredes sui forinseca seruitia facient que ad illam bouatam pertinent . Et propter istius terre donationem dedit mihi predictus Ernisius .ii. marcas argenti et Agneti sponse mee .ii. solidos . His testibus . Willemo de Wium . Haket de Rideford . Willemo de Saili . Roberto de Castellun . Gileberto de Archis . Willemo Berner de Kilwinghoum (*sic*) . Halano fil Radulfi . Gereuasio de Haburc . Willemo fil eius Galfrido fratre suo . Johanne de Kirningtuna Roberto de (*sic*) Scrop . Roberto fil Alardi . Rogero de Seuerbi . Willemo filio Rogeri Krispi . Simone filio Roberti de Hecliga.<sup>1</sup>

Seal as appended to No. 263.

Endorsed : Donacio unius bouate terre in Haburgh pro Ernisi . . de Nouilla (fifteenth century).

## 275

**Harl. Chart. 54 B 10. Grant by Ernisi de Neuilla to Newhouse abbey of a bovat in Habrough which Edric held, Edric himself and his issue, and a salt-pan in the marshes of Habrough. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Her-nisius de Neuilla salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus 7 canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuam 7 puram elemosinam unam bouatam terre in Haburh quam Edricus tenet cum tofto 7 prato 7 ceteris adiacentiis ad eandam bouatam pertinentibus saluo forinseco seruicio . 7 .vi. nummis . uel duobus calcaribus deargentatis reddendis annuatim Willemo Berner de Haburh 7 heredibus suis pro omni seruicio ad eos pertinente . 7 ipsum Edricum cum successione sua . necnon 7 unum muræ cum salina in marescis de Haburh de feudo eiusdem Willelmi Berner cum pastura 7 ceteris adiacentiis 7 aisia-mentis ad eam pertinentibus sicut carta eiusdem Willelmi testatur quam inde de eo habeo . Hanc donationem feci eis pro salute mea 7 Juliane sponse mée . 7 liberorum nostrorum 7 omnium amicorum nostrorum . 7 pro animabus antecessorum nostrorum . Testibus . Hugone de Neuilla fratre meo . Willemo de Basingham . Willemo capellano meo . Willemo capellano de Ellesham . Hugone de Neuilla filio meo . 7 Waltero filio meo . Radulfo filio Roberti . 7 Waltero 7 Roberto fratribus eius . Philippo Scrop . Petro Scrispi . Ricardo . Waltero de Rasnæ . Nicholao filio Brien . de Neuhus.

Seal : paschal lamb. SIGILLVM . . . . IS DE NEIV . .

Endorsed : Donacio unius bouate terre in Haburgh per Hernicium de Neuilla (fifteenth century).

<sup>1</sup> Originally written *Heclina*, but the *n* has been altered into a *g*.



## 276

**Harl. Chart. 49 C 21. Confirmation by Thomas son of Thomas de Areci to Newhouse abbey of a bovate of William Berner's fee in Habrough which Edric held, Edric himself with his issue, and a salt-pan in the marshes of Habrough. (Late Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Thomas de Areci filius 7 heres Thome de Areci salutem Sciatis me concessisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis apostoli de Nehus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam unam bouetam terre in Haburc ex feudo Willelmi Berner de Haburc . quam Edricus tenuit cum tofto 7 prato 7 ceteris adiacentiis ad eandem bouetam pertinentibus . et ipsum Edricum cum successione sua . necnon 7 unum murum cum salina in marescis de Haburc de feudo eiusdem Willelmi Berner cum pastura 7 ceteris aisiamentis ad eam pertinentibus . sicut carta quam ipsi inde habent testatur . Hanc uero confirmationem feci eis pro amore dei 7 pro salute anime meę 7 omnium antecessorum 7 heredum meorum . Testibus . Petro de Neuilla . Rogero de Sancto Martino . Gileberto de Arches . Ricardo de Otrinham . Petro de Castilun . Johanne de Karthorp . Ricardo de Fontibus . Roberto de Kelebi . Roberto de Imingham . Galfrido 7 Hugone filiis Willelmi Berner de Haburch.

Seal as appended to No. 272. The hand is not the same.

No early endorsement.

## 277

**Harl. Chart. 54 B 17. Release by Hugh de Nevilla to Newhouse abbey of his claim to the church of Habrough arising out of the land in Habrough which he held by the king's gift. (Late Henry II.)**

Capitulo *Lincolniensi* 7 omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Hugo de Neuilla salutem . Sciatis me quietam clamasse totam calumpniam de ecclesia de Haburch que uidetur pertinere ad terram illam quam habeo ex donatione domini regis in eadem uilla 7 presenti carta confirmasse abbati 7 canonicis ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Nehus in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam pro salute regis 7 filiorum eius 7 pro salute mea 7 uxoris mee 7 omnium antecessorum 7 successorum meorum . Testibus . Ricardo abbati de Welleford . Willelmo abbati de Crokestuna . Ade abbati de Wellebec . Willelmo clerico de

Haburch . Willelmo de Paris . Thoma fratre eius . Garnero de Hundegate . Iuone de Horsingtuna.

Seal: figure between two wands. + LE SEGL HVGHE DE N . . . .

Endorsed: Quietum clamium ecclesie de Haburghe per Hugo (*sic*) de Neuilla (fifteenth century).

## 278

**Harl. Chart. 54 B 16.** Release by Hugh de Nevilla to the abbot and canons of Newhouse of his claim in the mill of Toft by Newton, with confirmation of a salt-pan in the marsh of Habrough given by Hervey of Habrough and Gocelin his son. (Late twelfth century.)

. Hugo de Neuilla . omnibus heredibus suis 7 hominibus Francis 7 Anglis presentibus 7 futuris salutem . Sciatis me quietam clamasse calumpniam quam habui in molendino de Toft . abbati 7 canonicis de Neuhus pro sexdecim denariis de warnoth annuatim reddendis in die pasche . De cetero concessi eis 7 confirmaui donationem saline quam Herueius de Haburch 7 Goscelinus filius eius dederant eis in maresco de Haburch in perpetuum . Testibus hiis . Ricardo abbate de Welleford . Gileberto de Neuilla . Willelmo clerico de Haburch . Gaufrido fratre eius . Roberto le Englais . Waltero de Kelebi.

Seal: figure between two wands. + LE SEGL HVGHE DE NIV... ILE.  
Half-obliterated fifteenth-century endorsement.

## 279

**Harl. Chart. 45 E 42.** Grant by Eudo son of Henry of Brocklesby to Newhouse abbey of five *percalae* of meadow in the marsh of Habrough. (Late twelfth century.)

. Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Eudo filius Henrici de Auforde salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus pro amore dei 7 pro salute mea 7 omnium antecessorum meorum 7 heredum meorum quinque percatas prati in latitudine per medium marescum de Haburc ab australi fossato usque ad fossatum uersus aquilonem scilicet le westdaile que iacet iuxta Ruddeflet in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruicio 7 exactione seculari . Et ego 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus eis hanc elemosinam uersus omnes homines . Testibus Willelmo de Beruilla Roberto de Kelebi . Waltero Crispin Roberto le Bret .

Petro de Beruilla Willelmo Talun Waltero filio Henrici Radulfo de Marisco Rogero filio Gosse.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5632.]

No early endorsement.

## 280

**Harl. Chart. 50 I 1.** Release by Ralf son of Peter of Goxhill to the abbot and convent of Newhouse of four shillings yearly due to him from the tenement in East Halton held of them by Henry son of Machus, and quitclaim of the tenement in Habrough held of them by Richard son of Helric. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentibus 7 futuris . Radulfus filius Petri de Gausla salutem . Noueritis me dedisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse 7 quietos clamasse de me 7 heredibus meis in perpetuum deo 7 abbati 7 conuentui de Nehus illos quatuor solidatos annui redditus quos aliquando percipiebam de tenemento quod Henricus filius Machus tenuit de eisdem abbate 7 conventu in uilla de Haltona . 7 insuper totum tenementum quod Ricardus filius Helrici tenuit de eisdem abbate 7 conventu in uilla de Haburc . Hanc uero donacionem 7 confirmacionem 7 quietam clamacionem feci predictis abbati 7 conuentui de Nehus in liberam 7 puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam pro amore dei 7 pro salute anime mee 7 omnium antecessorum 7 heredum meorum . Testibus . Gileberto de Funtenai . Willelmo de Salmandbi . David de Auford . Willelmo de Helmedene . Ricardo filio Willelmi Berard . Adam de Biford . Hamone de Norfolc . Willelmo filio Willelmi de Salmandbi . 7 multis aliis.

Slit only for seal tag.

Fragment of fifteenth-century endorsement.

## 281

**Harl. Chart. 51 B 50.** Grant by Ralf of Halton to Newhouse abbey of the church of St. Peter of Halton. (1143-1147.)

A. dei gratia Lincolniensi episcopo totique capitulo eiusdem ecclesie . Radulfus de Haltona . salutem . Notum sit uobis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis apostoli de Neuhus 7 canonicis ibidem secundum ordinem premonstratensium deo seruientibus in perpetuam elemosinam ecclesiam sancti Petri de Haltona cum omnibus appenditiis suis pro animabus patris 7 matris mee 7 pro salute anime mee 7 omnium antecessorum 7 successorum meorum . Testibus hiis . Roberto de Sualewa decano . Hernisio sacerdote de Kiluingholm . Hamone sacerdote de Golsa . Radulfo filio Fin de Haltun . Waltero sacerdote de Bernethebi .



Hugone sacerdote de Kirningtun . Petro de Gousa . Geruasio fratre meo . Roberto de Seures . Waltero Berner . Ricardo fratre eius . Willelmo de Salli . Gilleberto filio Nigelli . Waltero filio Fulcher . Willelmo filio Gregorii . Roberto Surrais . Waltero filio Gaufridi . Roberto de Fribois . Ricardo filio Derewen . Herberto fratre eius . 7 multis aliis.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5606.]

Endorsed : Radulfus de Haltona de ecclesia sancti Petri (Henry III) and unintelligible device.

## 282

Harl. Chart. 51 B 51. Confirmation by Gervase of Halton to Gerlo the abbot and the brethren of Newhouse of the gift of the church of St. Peter of Halton made by Ralf, Gervase's brother. (Early Henry II.)

Roberto dei gratia episcopo *Licoliensi* & capitulo eiusdem & universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis & presentibus & futuris Geruasius de *Haltuna* salutem . Noueritis me dedisse & concessisse & carta mea confirmasse abbati Gerloni de Neuhus & fratribus eiusdem loci in perpetuam elemosinam donationem ecclesie sancti Petri de *Haltuna* cum omnibus appendiciis suis quam eis dedit & concessit . Radulfus frater meus de *Haltuna* & ego frater suus & heres post ipsum pro salute animarum nostrarum & antecessorum & successorum nostrorum dedi & concessi . Testibus . Radulfo abbate de *Barlinges* . Simone sacerdote capellano de *Haltuna* Beruualdo diacono . Auti clerico de Lincoia . Toma de Rowella . Huctredo . Willelmo clericis . Petro de Gausla . Waltero de Kiluigholm . Garnero de Campania . Balduino de Bifford . Dionisio de Chotum . Gileberto de Haltun filio meo . Willelmo Britone . Radulfo de Crochesbi . et Filippo fratre eius . Humfrido & Gippo de Neuhus . Alano preposito Walteri . Ranulfo preposito meo . Rogero . Radulfo . Hotro hominibus meis & aliis multis.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : Geruasius de Haltona de ecclesia sancti Petri (early thirteenth century).

## 283

Harl. Chart. 49 C 22. Grant by Nicholas de Areci to Newhouse abbey of his portion of the church of St. Peter of North Killingholme, otherwise called Halton. (1149-1162.)

Roberto . dei gratia episcopo *Lincolniensi* & capitulo *Lincolniensi* 7 omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus & futuris Nicolaus

de Areci salutem . Notum sit uobis me dedisse & concessisse deo & sancte Marie & ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus & fratribus premonstratensis ordinis ibidem deo seruientibus illam partem quam habui in ecclesia sancti Petri de Nortkiluingholm que alio nomine uocatur Haltuna in liberam 7 quietam & perpetuam elemosinam . cum una bouata terre de meo demenio in eadem uilla cum prato atque pastura eidem terre adiacenti . in perpetuam elemosinam libere & quiete ab omni seruitio & exactione seculari . Et hanc elemosinam dedi predictis fratribus in capitulo *Lincolniensi* consensu atque concessu domini mei Roberti de Areci . 7 hoc pro anima patris mei Hugonis 7 omnium antecessorum meorum & pro salute anime mee 7 matris mee 7 fratrum meorum 7 omnium amicorum meorum . Testibus . Humfrido subdecano . Jordano thesaurario . Willelmo filio Osberti archidiacono . doctore Hamone . Rogero . Roberto Foliot . Pagano . Nicholao . Gerardo . Roberto constabulario . Gaufrido capellano . Waltero de sancto Augustino . Willelmo filio Radulfi fratre predicti Nicolai . Waltero dapifero . Oliuero de Vendouer . Willelmo filio Walteri filii Winterhardi . Henrico de Bada .

Large seal : bird. +SIGILL: NICHOLAI DE ARICHI.

No early endorsement.

## 284

**Harl. Chart. 49 C 23.** Grant by Nicholas de Areci to Newhouse abbey of the church of St. Denis of Killingholme and two bovates there, and of Nicholas' portion in the church of St. Peter of North Killingholme, otherwise called Halton, with a bovate of demesne, and with a release of his claim to the *mansura* of Finn the priest. (Circa 1155.)

Roberto dei gratia episcopo *Lincolniensi* 7 capitulo *Lincolniensi* & omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 posteris Nicolaus de Areci salutem . Notum sit uobis me dedisse 7 concessisse deo 7 sancte Marie 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus 7 fratribus Premonstratensis ordinis ibidem deo seruientibus ecclesiam sancti Dionisii de Kiluingholm cum omnibus appenditiis suis in liberam 7 quietam 7 perpetuam elemosinam : necnon 7 duas bouatas terre que fuerunt Achethe falding cum adiacenti prato & pastura ducentarum ouium . Dedi etiam eis illam partem quam habui in ecclesia sancti Petri de Nortkiluingholm que alio nomine uocatur Haltuna cum una bouata terre de meo demenio in eadem uilla cum prato 7 pastura eidem terre pertinenti . una cum calumpnia illius mansure que fuit Finni sacerdotis de meo feudo pertinentis ecclesie predictae sancti Petri de Haltun in perpetuam elemosinam quiete 7 libere ab omni seruicio ita quod

hec predicta mea donatio non sit obnoxia in aliquo . regi . aut uicecomiti . aut ministris eius . aut dominis meis . aut michimetipsi . aut alicui seculari persone . in murdre . in danegeld . in exercitu regis . in scutagio . aut aliqua consuetudine . 7 seruitio . aut auxilio . necnon & omni exactione seculari . ita quod seruitia 7 consuetudines predictae terre de mea alia terra ego 7 heredes mei acquietabimus . & hoc pro anima patris mei Hugonis 7 Willelmi fratris mei . 7 pro salute anime mee & matris mee . 7 fratrum meorum . 7 omnium amicorum meorum . Hec donatio facta fuit 7 confirmata Luthe coram domno Roberto episcopo Lincolnensi . Testibus . Rogero . cantore Lincolnensi . 7 archidiacono . Hamone cancellario . Baldrico de Sigillo . 7 magistro Roberto . de Burnham . canonicis . Ricardo . capellano . magistro . Rogero . Kersent' . Laurentio . capellanis episcopi . 7 magistro Malgero clerico episcopi . Hernisio presbitero de Kiluingeholm . magistro Simone capellano de Haltun . Jordano de Luthe . 7 Alexandro clerico cantoris Lincolnensis clericis . Petro de Gausla . Rogero de Olleio . Johanne de Langatot<sup>1</sup> . Willelmo Basset . Roberto filio Fulconis . militibus . Hunfrido . pincerna . episcopi . Rogero de Mareini camerario . episcopi . Nicolao hostiario episcopi . Nicolao mariscaldo episcopi . Roberto de Halteripa . Gillebert (*sic*) Pipardo . Henrico filio Roberti de Withetun<sup>2</sup> . Waltero armigero Petri de Gausla . Robert (*sic*) preposito Nicolai . 7 Walebrun.

Seal: bird. + SIGILLVM : NICHOLAI : DE : ARICHI :

No endorsement.

## 285

**Harl. Chart. 44 I 3.** Award by the abbot of Rievaulx and the prior of Bridlington, judges appointed by the pope in the suit between the canons of Newhouse and the nuns of Elstow concerning the church of St. Peter of East Halton. (10 January, 1177.)

. S. abbas Rieuallis . 7 G. prior de Bredlingtona . omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis salutem . Causam que inter canonicos de Nehus 7 moniales de Elnestowa uertebatur super ecclesia beati Petri de Haltona . cooperante nobis diuina clementia patrum uestigiis inherentes . 7 probabilitium uirorum consilio intentes Romani pontificis ficti auctoritate decidimus . Siquidem post annum continuum 7 ea amplius questionis uentilate . rei ueritate diligenter inquisita 7 cognita . statutis coram nobis eisdem canonicis 7 monialium responsalibus auditis allegantibus utriusque partis inspectisque domi-

<sup>1</sup> A compendium is inserted over the *o* in this word.

<sup>2</sup> The *h* in this word is interlined.



norum fundi . 7 pontificum Lincolie ecclesie Romanorum 7 pontificum scriptis protestantibus ius canonicorum super prenominata ecclesia iuratis 7 examinatis testibus cum omnia nobis fidem facient quod prefati canonici ipsam ecclesiam canonicè optinuissent . prescriptam ecclesiam eisdem canonicis cum omnibus suis pertinentiis iure perpetuo possidendam adiudicauimus . 7 predictis monialibus super petitione eiusdem ecclesie perpetuum silentium imposuimus . Hec Beuerlaco gesta sunt anno ab incarnatione domini m.c.lxx.vi. mense Ianuario .iiii. idus eiusdem mensis Hiis testibus Hugone abbate de Reuesbi . Willelmo abbate de Crokeston . Philippo canonico de Beuerlaco . magistro Alano de Beuerlaco . magistro Siluestro de Notingham . magistro Alexandro Malebisse de Lincoln.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 2713.]

No early endorsement.

## 286

**Harl. Chart. 43 G 24. Injunction by Richard archbishop of Canterbury, incorporating the text of a papal mandate, to the bishops of his province that they maintain the award of the church of St. Peter of East Halton to the abbot and canons of Newhouse. (1177.)**

Ricardus dei gratia *Cantuariensis* archiepiscopus totius Anglie primas 7 Apostolice sedis legatus . uenerabilibus fratribus suis per prouinciam *Cantuariensem* constitutis salutem in uero salutari . Mandatum domini pape suscepimus in hec uerba . Alexander episcopus seruus seruorum dei . uenerabili fratri . *Cantuariensi* archiepiscopo apostolice sedis legato . salutem 7 apostolicam benedictionem . Ex litteris dilectorum filiorum nostrorum abbatis Rieuallis . 7 prioris de Bridlinton nobis transmissis euidenter accepimus . quod cum causam que inter abbatem de Neuhus 7 abbatissam 7 moniales de Elnestowa super ecclesia Sancti Petri de Haltona<sup>1</sup> diutius est agitata . de mandato nostro suscepissent diffiniendam . post diligentiore inquisitionem rei ueritate cognita scilicet quod canonici eandem ecclesiam ad presentationem dominorum fundi episcopali auctoritate canonica institutione adepti fuissent . 7 quod ita ab antiquioribus 7 honestioribus uiris comprouincialibus iuramento prestito iuratum est sed et coram eo qui uices archidiaconatus gerebat in comprouinciali capitulo testificatum est . quod á quadraginta annis 7 amplius moniales nunquam eandem ecclesiam possedissent . ordine iudiciario terminarunt . Quia ergo causas concordia uel iudicio terminatas non decet in recidiue contentionis scrupulum reuocari . fraternitati tue per apostolica scripta precipiendo mandamus . quatinus prescriptam ecclesiam de Haltona que eisdem

<sup>1</sup> The initial *H* is interlined.

canonicis de Neuhus cum omnibus pertinentiis suis est assignata . de cetero inconcusse possidendam decernas . 7 quiete facias 7 pacifice possidere . Quod si forte predictae moniales contra sententiam quam predicti iudices quibus causam ipsam commiseramus pro canonicis promulgarunt uenire temptauerint : fraternitati tue firmiter iniungimus . quatinus omni occasione 7 appellatione cessante : perpetuum silentium prenominationis monialibus super eadem ecclesia apostolica auctoritate imponas . nullis impredientibus litteris á nobis super hoc impetratis uel impetrandis . Ita quidem ut sinceritatem sollicitudinis 7 obedientie tue : debeamus non inmerito commendare . uerum quoniam predicti canonici non modicum importunis molestiis predictarum monialium possent grauari : 7 sui iuris dispendium sustinere : fraternitati tue per apostolica scripta precipiendo mandamus . quatinus suffraganeis tuis iniungas . ut si forte captata absentia tua memorate moniales aliquando per subreptionem aliquam prelibatos canonicos molestare aut grauare presumpserint : excessum illum digna studeant seueritate punire . ut ceteri timeant similia perpetrare . Datum Venetiis in Riualto .x. kl . Iunii . Huius auctoritate mandati uestre fraternitati mandamus . atque precipimus . quatinus si quando contigerit sepedictas moniales prelibatis canonicis super prescripta ecclesia molestiam aliquam inferre uel grauamen : debita sollicitudine eis occurratis . 7 ab iniustis uexationibus 7 presumptionibus suis : apostolica auctoritate 7 nostra seuerius eas compescatis.

No seal.<sup>1</sup>

Endorsed : . Ricardus . Archiepiscopus Cantuariensis (early thirteenth century).

## 287

**Harl. Chart. 43 G 23.** Notification by Richard archbishop of Canterbury that the suit between the abbot and canons of Newhouse and the abbess and nuns of Elstow concerning the church of East Halton has been concluded in his presence, with details of the composition then made between the two houses. (1177.)

CIROGPHVM · INT<sup>r</sup> · ÆCLIAM · DE · NIEWEH<sup>r</sup> · 7  
ÆCCLIAM ÆLNESTOEN

. Ricardus . dei gratia Cantuariensis archiepiscopus . totius Anglie primas 7 apostolice sedis legatus : uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes littere peruenerint : illam que est in domino salutem . Ea que in presentia nostra rationabiliter acta sunt : ne posteris temporibus in dubium reuocentur : aut aliqua malignum temeritate in rediuuiam questionem reducantur : presentis scripti testimonio duximus commendare . Inde est quod ad communem

<sup>1</sup> A seal has been suspended on a strip cut from the charter, but has been torn away.



omnium notitiam uolumus peruenire. quod cum inter dilectos filios nostros abbatem 7 canonicos de Niewehus 7 dilectas filias nostras abbatissam 7 moniales de Alnestó super ecclesia de Hautona. de sanctitatis apostolice mandato. in presentia nostra. controuersia diutius fuisset agitata. tandem sub hac transactionis forma conqueuit. Predictæ abbatissa 7 moniales de Alnestó. quicquid iuris in ecclesia de Haltona sibi uendicauerant. abbati 7 canonicis liberum 7 quietum in perpetuum concesserunt. 7 preter hoc. concesserunt eis. decimas domini de Haltona 7 totam terram quam ipse habuerunt in eadem uilla unde inter eas 7 iam dictos abbatem 7 canonicos nulla erat querela. salua tenura eorum qui terram ipsam de ecclesia de Alnestó hactenus tenuerunt. 7 predicti abbas 7 canonici pro bono pacis 7 pro decimis ac terra prenominatis. sepredictis abbatisse 7 monialibus .iiii.<sup>or</sup> marcas argenti annuatim apud Alnestó persoluent. duas uidelicet marcas ad Natale domini. 7 duas in festo sancti Botulfi. Hanc autem transactionem utrobique fide interposita firmatam. ut in posterum firma maneat 7 inconuulsa presenti scripto 7 sigilli nostri munimine roboramus. Testibus hiis. Waltero Baiocensi. 7 Willelmo Gloucestrensi. archidiaconis Willelmo 7 Moyse capellanis. magistro Roberto de Inglesham. magistro Rogero Norwicensi. Johanne capellano. Ricardo. 7 Galfrido clericis. Willelmo de Sotindona 7 pluribus aliis.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 1183.]

Endorsed: R archiepiscopus *Cantuariensis* (early thirteenth century).

## 288

**Harl. Chart. 45 I 53. Grant by Gilbert of Benniworth to Newhouse abbey of a selion of arable in East Halton. (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Gilebertus de Benigwrda salutem. Sciatis me dedisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie beate Martialis de Nehus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus unam sellionem terre arabilis. in campis de Haltona. quam habui in manu mea. que iacet secunda a curia eorum ex parte aquilonali. in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam. liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruitio 7 exactione seculari. Et ego 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus predictis fratribus hanc donationem 7 confirmationem in perpetuum contra omnes homines. Predictam autem donationem 7 confirmationem dedi 7 confirmaui sepe dictis fratribus pro amore dei 7 pro salute anime mee. 7 pro animabus antecessorum 7 heredum meorum. Hiis testibus. Henrico. Willelmo capellanis. Iohanne de Kilwingholm. Ranulfo filio Simonis militibus. Hugone de la Lei. Waltero de



*Benigwrda* . Willelmo de Helmeden . Henrico Talone . Willelmo filio eius . 7 multis aliis.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5685.]

Endorsed: . Scripta est. (late thirteenth century).

## 289

**Harl. Chart. 55 F 43.** Grant by William de Sailli and Robert his son to Gerlo the abbot and the brethren of Newhouse of the *cultura* called Branzthoft, in or near Killingholme. (Circa 1150.)

Roberto dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo 7 omnibus sancte dei ecclesie filiis Willelmus de Sailli 7 Robertus filius eius salutem . Sciatis nos dedisse 7 concessisse in perpetuam 7 liberam elemosinam . Gerloni . abbati *Neuhusie* 7 fratribus eiusdem loci culturam de Branzthoft totam cum terra culta 7 prato quod ad eam attinet Testibus Ricardo Berner . Umfrido de Neuhus Brichford de Kiluingholma . Berwoldo preposito . Gippa . de Neuhus . Asford' filio Ucce . Willelmo Paride.

Tag for seal at left corner. Cord through slits at right corner with seal: animal. . . . . WILL . . . . DE S . . . .

Endorsed: *Willelmi* 7 *Roberti* de Sailli (early thirteenth century).

## 290

**Harl. Chart. 55 F 42.** Grant by William de Sailli to Newhouse abbey of four bovates *ad inware* with one *mansura* in Killingholme and of all his fee in the toft of Enchetun. (Henry II.)

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris Willelmus de Sailli salutem . Noueritis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis apostoli de Neuhus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuam 7 liberam 7 puram elemosinam nominatim pro anima Roberti filii 7 primi heredis mei 7 pro salute anime mée 7 omnium antecessorum 7 successorum meorum concessu 7 consensu Reineri secundi filii 7 heredis mei .iiii. bouatas terre ad inware in campis de Kiluingholm cum prato 7 pastura communi 7 ceteris aisiamentis ad easdem bouatas pertinentibus . scilicet .iii. bouatas de terra rusticorum quas Rogerus 7 Asford tenuerunt 7 quartam de meo demenio scilicet ad Rieholm 7 ad Gebbescales ad perficiendum .iiii. bouatas . cum una mansura que fuit Duue . quietas ab omni seruitio pertinenti mihi 7 heredibus meis faciendo tantum forense seruitium . Preterea do eis 7 concedo 7 hac presenti carta confirmo totum meum feudum quod habui in toft (*sic*)

de Enchetun cum tota terra que pertinet ad capellam meam in puram  
 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruitio 7 exac-  
 tione seculari . Testibus . Simone capellano de Haltun . Bernardo 7  
 Alano sacerdotibus . Willelmo filio Walteri Berner . Ricardo Berner  
 de Kiluingholm . Hugone de Sarneis . 7 Waltero filio eius . Stephano  
 le bai . Willelmo Ha . 7 Ketelbern fratre eius . Gileberto filio Rolf .  
 Hugone filio Toroud . Hugelino Flandrensi . Roberto filio Siuard .  
 Rogero filio Ailof<sup>1</sup> . Gileberto filio Turkil . Henrico . 7 Hamone  
 fratre eius . Hugone preposito meo.

Seal : animal. + WILLS DE SAILGI.

Endorsed : Scripta est (early thirteenth century), and traces of a  
 fifteenth-century note.

## 291

**Harl. Chart. 50 A 14.** Grant by William son of Berard to New-  
 house abbey of his portion in the *cultura* of Branztoft, and of a  
 bovate and a toft in Killingholme. (Late Henry II.)

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris  
 Willelmus Berardi filius . salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me  
 concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse ecclesie  
 sancti Marcialis de Nehus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus quicquid  
 ad ius meum spectat in cultura de Branztoft . 7 unam bouetam terre  
 de illis bouetis que fuerunt Rogerii filii Ailof . cum prato ad ipsam  
 pertinente . mensurandam 7 assignandam illis uersus solem cum com-  
 muni pastura in territorio de Kiluingholm 7 tota alia libera communi-  
 tate in marescis aquis 7 aliis aisiamenis terre mee . 7 toftum quod  
 fuit Radulfi Schin . Quod si forte illis warantizare non ualeam aliud  
 illis dabo ad ipsius ualentiam . Hanc autem donationem 7 elemosinam  
 perpetuam puram liberam 7 quietam ab omni exactione 7 seruicio 7  
 consuetudine seculari ego 7 heredes mei adquietabimus eis 7 uersus  
 omnes homines warantizabimus . pro salute mea atque meorum 7 pro  
 animabus antecessorum meorum . Hiis testibus Adam . Sampson .  
 magistro Rogero paruo . magistro Hugone . officiali domini Lin-  
 colniensis . Ricardo . de Keleseia . Alexandro . Malebissa . magistro  
 Waltero Blundo . Rogerio de Derebi . Galfrido . de Torpel . canonicis  
 Lincolniensis ecclesie . Ricardo . de Kima . Roberto decano . de  
 Rowella . Gerardo . eius filio 7 fratribus suis . Reginaldo decano de  
 Couenham . Rogero de Cukewald . Thoma de Kirkebi . Waltero de  
 Kiluingholm . 7 Johanne filio eius . Willelmo Berner de Haburch .

<sup>1</sup> There is a stroke through the *l* of this name, which is unnecessary as a com-  
 pendium, and does not occur in the name as written in No. 291.

Willelmo Berner de Kiluingholm . militibus . Willelmo filio Ricardi . Berner . Martino 7 Alfredo 7 Waltero 7 Johanne de Haltuna . clericis . Fulcone . Gileberto . Galfrido hominibus Walteri de Kiluingholm.<sup>1</sup>

Two seals: (1) Lys; legend almost obliterated. (2) Lion. + SIGILLVM WILLELMI DE COTTINGAM.

Fragment of fifteenth-century endorsement.

## 292

**Harl. Chart. 48 H 35.** Grant by William son of Berard of Cottingham to Newhouse abbey of a toft in Killingholme. (Circa 1185.)

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . presentibus 7 futuris . Willelmus filius Berardi de Cottingham salutem . Noueritis me consensu 7 concessu heredum meorum dedisse . 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Nehus . 7 fratribus ibidem deo famulantibus unum toftum cum pertinentiis suis in uilla de Kilwingholm . quod Ricardus Wither tenuit . uidelicet quod iacet propinquius tofto Iohannis Berner ex occidentali parte . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruicio 7 exactione seculari . pro amore dei 7 pro salute anime meé . 7 pro animabus omnium antecessorum 7 heredum meorum . 7 ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predictis canonicis prefatum toftum in perpetuum uersus omnes homines . Testibus . Henrico . Willelmo capellanis . Johanne de Kilwingholm . Willelmo Berner . militibus . Henrico Talun . Willelmo filio eius 7 multis aliis.

Seal: lys. + SIGILL . . . . . BERRADI.

Endorsed: Willelmi filii Berardi. Scripta est (early thirteenth century).

## 293

**Harl. Chart. 52 E 43.** Grant by William son of Berard of Killingholme to Newhouse abbey of two tofts in Killingholme. (Circa 1185.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Willelmus filius Berardi de Kiluingeholm . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse . deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis apostoli de Nehus . 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus . pro animabus patris 7 matris mee 7 omnium antecessorum 7

<sup>1</sup> A line of holes runs along the head of this charter, which has probably been sewn to another one.



heredum meorum . duo tofta in uilla de Kiluingeholm . toftum scilicet quod fuit Willelmi filii Osmundi 7 toftum quod fuit Alani filii Ede . que iacent propius iuxta uiam que uadit inter eadem tofta 7 toftum Roberti bercarii . uersus aquilone . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . libera 7 quieta ab omni seruitio 7 exactione seculari . Et ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predicta tofta predictis fratribus contra omnes homines in perpetuum . quod si forte euenerit me 7 heredes meos non posse illis predicta tofta sicut predictum est in perpetuum warantizare . dabimus illis escambium alibi in eadem uilla quod tantum ualebit quantum ualent predicta tofta . Hiis testibus . Willemo de Kiluingeholm . Henrico de Haltona capellanis . Willemo Berner . Johanne de Karthorp . Ricardo de Funteines militibus . Roberto Martel . Waltero le Nunneman ;

Seal : lys. + SIGILL WILL . . . BERARDI.

Endorsed : Willelmi filii Berardi. Scripta est (early thirteenth century).

## 294

**Harl. Chart. 56 I 12. Confirmation by Henry son of Simon of Thorne to Newhouse abbey of six bovates with a toft in Killingholme given by Adam his brother. (Circa 1185.)**

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentibus 7 futuris . Henricus filius Simonis de Thorn . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Nehus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruiantibus donationem quam Adam frater meus fecit eis sicut carta eius quam de eo habent testatur . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam uidelicet sex bouetas terre in campis de Kiluingholm cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . 7 cum uno tofto in eadem uilla . pro amore dei 7 pro salute anime meę 7 antecessorum 7 heredum meorum . Testibus . Willemo de Kiluingholm . Henrico de Haltun capellanis . Gileberto de Benigwrd . Johanne de Kiluingholm . Willemo filio Berardi . Willemo Berner militibus . Waltero de Scurs . Willemo filio Gileberti de Benigwrd . Waltero . 7 Roberto filiis Johannis de Kiluingholm.

Seal : animal. + SIGILL HENRICI DE TORN.

Endorsed : Henrici filii Simonis de Thorn. Scripta est (early thirteenth century).

## 295

**Harl. Chart. 50 E 50. Confirmation by Richard de Funteines to Newhouse abbey of six bovates with a toft in Killingholme given by Adam of Thorne. (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentibus 7 futuris . Ricardus de

Funteines salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse consilio 7 assensu Cecilie sponse mee 7 heredum meorum . deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus . 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus . donationem quam Adam de Thorn . fecit eis . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . Videlicet sex bouetas terre in campis de Kiluingholm . cum omnibus pertinentiis suis illas scilicet bouetas quas Pugning . 7 Geruasius tenuerunt . cum uno tofto . quod Walterus Abbot tenuit . sicut carta ipsius Ade quam habent de eo testatur . Hanc concessionem 7 confirmationem feci eis pro amore dei . 7 salute anime mee . 7 sponse mée . 7 antecessorum 7 heredum nostrorum . Testibus . Willemo tunc capellano sancti Dionisii de Kiluingholm . 7 Henrico tunc capellano sancti Petri de Haltun . Gilberto de Beningwrd . Willemo Berner . Willemo filio Berardi . militibus . Galfrido filio Neufrid . 7 Bernardo.

Seal: quasi armorial. +SIGILL RICARD DE FVNTEIN.

Endorsed: Ricardi de Fontibus. Scripta est (early thirteenth century).

## 296

**Harl. Chart. 52 C 51. Confirmation by John of Carthorpe and Christiana his wife to Newhouse abbey of the gifts of Nicholas de Areci, Christiana's father. (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Johannes de Kartorpa . 7 Christiana sponsa sua filia Nicholai de Areci salutem . Sciatis nos concessisse 7 presenti carta nostra confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis apostoli de Nehus . 7 canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus omnes donationes quas Nicholaus de Areci dedit eis . Videlicet ecclesiam sancti Dionisii de Kilwingholm cum tota terra adiacenti . 7 omnibus aliis appendiciis suis . 7 duas bouatas terre in eadem uilla que fuerunt Hagthe falding cum adiacenti prato . 7 pastura ducentarum ouium . et unam bouatam terre in eadem uilla de suo demenio cum communi pastura eiusdem uille . 7 omnibus aisiamentis ad eandem bouatam pertinentibus . quicquid etiam ad feudum eiusdem Nicholai pertinet in ecclesia sancti Petri de Haltun . cum tofto 7 terra eidem ecclesie pertinenti 7 aliis eius appendiciis de feudo suo . 7 planiciem que iacet inter cimiterium eiusdem ecclesie 7 mansuram Eilbodonis 7 Gossi . Has autem prefatas donationes predicti Nicholai . cum omnibus libertatibus 7 pertinentiis earum concessimus 7 confirmauimus prenominationis canonicis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruicio 7 exactione seculari . sicut carte quas ipsi habent de eodem Nicholao testantur . pro amore dei . 7 pro salute animarum nostrarum . 7 omnium antecessorum 7 heredum nostrorum .

Testibus . magistro Gerardo de Rowelle . Radulfo de Rowelle decano . Thoma de Areci . Roberto fratre eius . Adam Painel . Alano de Arches . Johanne de Kilvingholm . Radulfo filio Brianni . Gileberto de Arches . Eudone de Auford . Ricardo de Otringham . Petro de Neuilla . Willelmo Berard de Kilvingholm . Roberto de Seuerbi . Roberto de Kelebi . Thoma . filio . Humfridi.

Seal : floriate ornament. + SIGILL : IOH'IS : DE : CARTHORP.

Endorsed : Non fuit necesse scribere istam . quia alio loco scripta est . 7 sub alterius sigillo <sup>1</sup> (thirteenth century).

## 297

Dodsworth MS. xxx, p. 26 (cf. Harl. MS. 2044, p. 135 b). Transcript of confirmation by Walter son of Renald of Killingholme to Newhouse abbey of the gift of David his brother to that house, with grant and confirmation of other lands in Killingholme. (Henry II.)

Capitulo Lincolniensi & omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus & futuris Walterus filius Renaldi de Kiluingeholm salutem . Nouerit dilectio uestra me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo, 7 ecclesie sancti Martialis (*sic*) de Neuhus & fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuam elemosinam donationem illam quam David frater meus fecit eidem ecclesie . scilicet humagium Oudhen & duas bouatas terre, quas ipse tenet, que fuerunt Rennaldi filii Berwaldi, cum mansura eidem terre adiacenti . et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis . Sciatis etiam me dedisse & concessisse predictis fratribus duas bouatas terre que fuerunt Acelini,<sup>2</sup> unam quam dedit eis, Robertus filius Berwaldi, & aliam quam Lefthein tenuit cum mansura adiacenti, 7 aliis pertinentiis suis . Has itaque prescriptas quatuor bouatas terre, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis dedi eis, 7 concessi, in perpetuam elemosinam liberas, & quietas ab omni seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione pertinenti mihi 7 heredibus meis, excepto forinseco seruitio . Preterea dedi eis, & concessi, pro tribus solidis, quos Baldwinus de Biford, dedit eis,<sup>3</sup> mansuram que fuit Arnwi, & terram que dicitur Manesloth, ad cuius supplementum dedi de meo demenio unam acram terre, ex una parte uille, 7 aliam ex altera,

<sup>1</sup> This refers to the present Harl. Chart. 49 C 27, which is a duplicate confirmation of these gifts, identical in text and witnesses with the present charter, made by Richard de Fontibus and Cecilia his wife. Endorsed: Ricardi de Fontibus 7 Cecilie sponse eius (? contemporary).

<sup>2</sup> Dodsworth's copy reads *Acelm*, the Harleian copy gives *Acelini*.

<sup>3</sup> *eis* is the reading of both Dodsworth's and the Harleian copies of this charter.



libere, & quiete ab omni seruitio, scilicet de utwar, & de inwar . Concessi etiam eis quicquid mei iuris est in ecclesia sancti Petri de Kilvingholm, sicut Daud frater meus, & Holdeard, mea mater dederant & concesserant . Et hoc dedi, & concessi, concessu, & consensu sponse mee Adelidis, 7 Ricardi fratris mei, pro salute mea, 7 pro animabus patris, 7 matris mee, & omnium antecessorum nostrorum . Concessimus etiam ego, 7 Daud frater meus predictae ecclesie cum Oudhen, totam progeniem suam liberam . Testibus . dompno Daud abbate de Barlinges, fratre Reimundo, fratre Hernisio, Symone sacerdote de Haltun, Balduino de Biford, Unfrido de Neuhus, Ricardo fratre meo, Waltero filio Oudhen . Swein, Gilberto filio Willelmi.

Outline drawing of seal, no design. +SIGILLVM . WALTERI . FILII . REGINADI.

In margin of page : ' on horsback armed '.

## 298

**Harl. Chart. 44 G 21.** Agreement between the abbot and canons of Newhouse and Richard de Fontibus and Cecilia his wife concerning the sheep pasture of the abbot and canons in the middle field of Killingholme. (Late twelfth century.)

CIROGRAPHVM<sup>1</sup>

Hec est conuentio inter abbatem 7 canonicos de Nehus . 7 Ricardum de Fontibus . 7 Ceciliam sponsam suam . quod eidem abbas 7 canonici non habebunt plures oues quam ducentas in pastura medii campi de Kilwingholm ratione ecclesie eiusdem uille . uel terrarum quas ipsi habent de dono Nicholai de Areci . Testibus . magistro Gerardo de Rowelle . Radulfo de Rowelle decano . Thoma de Areci . Roberto fratre eius . Adam Paine . Alano de Arches . Johanne de Kilwingholm . Radulfo filio Brianni . Gileberto de Arches . Eudone de Auford . Ricardo de Otringham . Petro de Neuilla . Willelmo Berard de Kilwingholm . Roberto de Seuerbi Roberto de Kelebi.

Tag only for seal.

<sup>1</sup> Illegible endorsement.

## 299

**Cott. Chart. xii. 18.** Grant by Geoffrey of Newhouse to Newhouse abbey of the church of Kirmington. (1143-1147.)

. A. dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo 7 omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus & futuris , G. de Neuhus salutem . Notum sit uobis

<sup>1</sup> Inverted and indented.

me per concessum heredis mei dedisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie beate Marie . 7 sancti Marcialis apostoli de Neuhus . 7 abbati . 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus in liberam & perpetuam elemosinam . ecclesiam de Kirningtun cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus pro salute anime méé . 7 heredum meorum . 7 pro animabus omnium antecessorum & successorum meorum . Testibus . Bouone sacerdote de Broclousebi . Hamone de Gousla . Haldan de Kelebi . Willelmo de Kelebi presbiteris . Petro de Gousla . Radulfo de Haltun . & Geruasio fratre eius . Hugone Berner . Ricardo fratre eius . militibus . Geruasio clerico de Haburch . Roberto filio Derewen de Neuhus.

Seal: representation of a one storied building. + SIGILLVM GAVFRIDI DE NEVHVS.

Endorsed: Ista carta debet reponi inter cartas de Kirningtona (Henry III).

## 300

**Cott. Chart. xxvii. 34. Confirmation by William de la Mare and Beatrice his mother to Newhouse abbey of a toft with two bovates in Kirmington given by Adam of Kirmington. (Circa 1160.)**

Roberto dei gratia episcopo *Lincolniensi* . 7 uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis modernis 7 posteris Willelmus de la Mare filius Alani de la Mare 7 Beatrix mater eius salutem . Notum sit uobis Adam de Chirningtun filium Heruei dedisse 7 concessisse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis 7 fratribus ibi deo seruientibus le toft Gunewate cum duabus bouatis terre in Chirningtun de meo feudo quem teneo de comite Richemunt perpetuam (*sic*) elemosinam libere 7 quiete sine omni seculari seruicio 7 hoc cum communi pastura Chrnningtun (*sic*) . Sciatis etiam me dedisse 7 concessisse hanc eandem elemosinam prefate ecclesie 7 supradictis fratribus 7 carta ista mea confirmasse inperpetuum libere 7 quiete sine omni seculari seruicio petitione eiusdem Adam pro amore dei 7 pro salute anime Alani patris mei 7 auunculi sui 7 omnium antecessorum nostrorum 7 pro remissione peccatorum nostrorum . Teste Toma presbitero de Melthonia . Galfrido clerico de Croxtun . Radulfo clerico de Husum . Wigan auunculo Alani de la Mara . Willelmo armigero Willelmi . Willelmo presbitero de Seuerbi . Willelmo Berner de Haburc . Willelmo Berner de Chiluincoln . Anrico de Otrincham . 7 Stephano de Otrincham . Willelmo filio Johel de Helsam . Hugone presbitero de Castra . Benedicto clerico de Barua 7 Hamone 7 Bernardo nepotibus suis . 7 Fin clerico 7 Benedicto de Wttun . Humfrai de Neus . 7 Hiue de

Gausal . Willelmo clerico de Croxtun . 7 Willelmo russel . Gocelin 7  
 Wlmar de Mealtun . 7 Alano fratre Adam de Cherningtun 7 Adam  
 7 Hamun fratribus Thome de Mealtun.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6169.]

Endorsed : Kyrnyngtona (fifteenth century).

## 301

**Dodsworth MS. lxxvi. 40.** Another form of the preceding grant,  
 with detailed immunities. (Circa 1160.)

.Roberto dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo 7 uniuersis sancte matris  
 ecclesie filiis modernis 7 posteris Willelmus de Lamara 7 Beatrix  
 mater eius salutem . Notum sit uobis Adam de Kirnigtun filium  
 Heruei dedisse 7 concessisse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus  
 7 fratribus ibi seruientibus deo . le toft Gunnewate cum duabus  
 bouatis terre in Kirningtune de meo feudo quem (*sic*) teneo de comite  
 de Richemund . in perpetuam elemosinam libere 7 quiete ab omni  
 seculari seruicio . cum communi pastura eiusdem Kirningtun . Sciatis  
 etiam me dedisse 7 concessisse hanc eandem elemosinam prefate ecclesie  
 7 supradictis fratribus 7 carta mea confirmasse (*sic*) in perpetuam  
 elemosinam ita libere 7 quiete . quod . hec mea donatio 7 concessio  
 non sit obnoxia in aliquo regi . aut uicecomiti . aut ministris eius .  
 aut dominis meis . aut michi met ipsi . aut alucui (*sic*) seculari  
 persone . in mordre . in daneghield . aut in exercitu regis . in scutagio .  
 aut aliqua consuetudine 7 seruicio . aut auxilio . necnon 7 omni  
 exactione seculari . ita uidelicet quod seruicia 7 consuetudines predicte  
 terre de mea alia terra acquietabimus ego 7 heredes mei . 7 hoc  
 petitione eiusdem Adam . pro amore dei . 7 pro salute anime Alani  
 patris mei 7 auunculi sui . 7 omnium antecessorum nostrorum . 7  
 pro remissione peccatorum nostrorum . Testibus . Ricardo Scrop  
 decano . Willelmo de Seuerbi presbitero . Stephano presbitero de  
 Grossebi . Willelmo clerico . 7 Thoma presbitero fratre eius . 7 Iohanne  
 filio Thome . 7 Waltero cognato suo . 7 Roberto clerico de Hulesbi .  
 7 Simone clerico de Kadenai . 7 Hamone uicario eius . Nicholao  
 dapifero Willelmi Trussebut . Willelmo filio Galfridi de Neuhus .  
 Fin . 7 Anfrido de Hulesbi . Hiuone de Gausa . Hacon (*sic*) de  
 Crokestun . Herueo de Kirnigtun . Gosse de Mealtun . Gippe de  
 Neuhus . Petro de Gausa . Garnerio de Campenia . Benedicto de  
 Barwa . Ailbrid fratre Ricardi decani . Roberto Surais Garino 7  
 Goce hominibus Petri de Gausa ;

There is no sign that a seal has ever been appended to this charter.  
 No endorsement.



## 302

**Harl. Chart. 54 B 9. Release by Hugh de Neville to abbot R. and the convent of Newhouse of the claim which he had against them in respect of the church of Kirmington. (Late twelfth century.)**

Domino Hugoni *Lincolniensi* episcopo 7 omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Hugo de Neuilla salutem . Sciatis quod ego pro amore dei 7 pro anima regis Henrici . 7 pro salute anime mee . 7 sponse mee 7 liberorum meorum 7 pro animabus omnium antecessorum 7 heredum meorum remisi 7 quitamclamaui (*sic*) abbati R. 7 conuentui de Nehus totam calumpniam quam habui aduersus eos de ecclesia de *Kirningtuna* . 7 concessi eis 7 presenti carta confirmaui totum ius quod habui in ea . cum omnibus terris 7 pasturis 7 omnibus rebus ad eandem ecclesiam de elemosina pertinentibus . Testibus . Akardo abbate de *Berlinges* . Willelmo priore de *Ellesham* . Henrico de Neuilla . Andrea . de Neuilla . Michaele de Neuilla . Philippo . de *Hauterue* . Ricardo . de *Otringham* . Willelmo Berner . Willelmo filio . Simonis . Benedicto filio . Radulfi . Roberto *Lengleis* . Simone de *Diue* . Rumpharo <sup>1</sup> . de *Neteltuna* .

Seal: bird. + SIGILLVM HVGONIS DE NEVILE.

No endorsement.

## 303

**Harl. Chart. 56 A 9. Grant by Hugh de Scotini and Bertha his wife to Newhouse abbey of two bovates of demesne in Great Limber and of land in Henedale near the latter place. (1143-1147.)**

Alexandro uenerabili patri *Lincolniensi* episcopo 7 uniuersis sancte ecclesie filiis . clericis 7 laicis . presentibus 7 futuris Hugo de Scotini 7 Berta eius sponsa salutem . Sciat paternitas uestra nos dedisse & concessisse ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus pro animabus nostris 7 filiorum nostrorum 7 filiarum 7 antecessorum nostrorum in perpetuam elemosinam duas bouatas terre de dominio nostro in *Magna Limbergia* 7 partem nostram terre quam habuimus in *Henedale* iuxta terram quam Adam de *Mundegund* eis dedit . concedentibus filiis nostris Lamberto Waltero Radulfo Hugone . 7 hanc terram dedimus coram domino episcopo 7 de <sup>2</sup> (*sic*) abbatibus uidelicet Johanne de *Bardinai* 7 Rikardo de *Torentone* .

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<sup>1</sup> There is an unnecessary stroke through the *k* of this name.

<sup>2</sup> These letters probably stand for the erroneous beginning of some word.

qui eodem die a predicto episcopo consecrati fuerunt 7 coram aliis abbatibus 7 canonicis 7 clericis 7 laicis.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6422.]

No endorsement.

## 304

**Harl. Chart. 56 A 8.** Grant by Lambert de Scotegni to Newhouse abbey of all his land in Henedale, and of two bovates of demesne and a toft in Great Limber. (Circa 1150–1160.)

Roberto *Lincolniensis* ecclesie dei gratia episcopo totique capitulo omnibusque filiis sancte matris ecclesie. Lambertus de Scotegni salutem. Sciatis tam moderni quam posteri quod ego dedi & concessi deo & sancte Marie & ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Nehus & fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus totam meam partem terre de Henedale ultra magnam uiam qua itur ad Bartun. cum duabus bouatis terre de dominio meo in magna Limbergia & unam toft scilicet Walteri carpentarii & quicquid ad illam pertinet in perpetuam elemosinam libere & quiete sine omni seculari exactione & seruitio. Testibus Roberto de Alnai decano. & Johanne & Galfrido fratribus eius. & Johanne filio Johannis de Alnai. & Alano & Roberto nepotibus eorum. & Radulfo presbitero & Daudid clerico. & Thoma de Curci clerico. & Alano & Henrico filio Bertor. Hugone filio Biern. Hainred preposito. Bertram filio Auca. Geri filio Gunni. Roberto filio<sup>1</sup> Willelmi de Scallebi. Henrico de Norhamtun.

Slit only for seal tag.

No endorsement.

## 305

**Harl. Chart. 54 B 1.** Grant by William son of Geoffrey of Newhouse and Maud his wife to Newhouse abbey of *dominium* over themselves, all their land of Newhouse, and the land of Redwi in the fields of Ulceby, with detailed provisions for the subsequent tenure of portions of this land by William and Maud of the abbey. (Circa 1150.)

Roberto dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo totique capitulo. & uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam modernis quam posteris. Willelmus filius Galfridi de Neuhus. & Matildis sponsa sua salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse & concessisse deo & ecclesie sancti Marcialis de

<sup>1</sup> *filio* repeated in MS.

Neuhus . & fratribus ibidem deo seruiantibus . pro amore dei & pro salute animarum antecessorum nostrorum & nostrarum . & successorum . dominium de nobis . & totam terram nostram de Neuhus . & quicquid ad eandem terram pertinet . in pratis . & pascuis . in marescis . & planis . in aquis . molendinis . & stagnis . necnon & terram Redwi que iacet in campis de Ulesbi concedente hoc Galfrido de Turs & donante de quo tenentes fuimus . Uidelicet conuentione tali . quod ecclesia sancti Marcialis de Neuhus . & Gerlo abbas eiusdem ecclesie dimittit nobis totam demeniam nostram in terris cultis . & dimidium in pratis & marescis . ad tenendum de se libere & quite (*sic*) . exceptis septem acris terre que sunt ex australi parte uille ultra magnam uiam que dicitur Luthestrete uersus occasum solis . & preter tredecim acras in campis de Ulsebi . scilicet duas acras iuxta Crochestune sich . & ab illis duabus . undecim acras perficiendas uersus ortum solis . dando annuatim duos solidos ad recognitionem predictae ecclesie & abbati pro omni seruitio . Preterea sponse mee Matilde dimittit prenominata ecclesia & abbas unam bouatam terre scilicet que fuit Hucche purs . & unam mansuram illam uidelicet que fuit Gisleberti . sine omni seruitio in uita sua . & post mortem eius herede suo tenente illam terram libere & quiete reddendo annuatim .xii.<sup>cim</sup> denarios . Ceterum de molendinis reddet mihi eadem ecclesia uiginti sextarios .viii. de frumento . & .xii. de ordeo annuatim per .iiii. terminos quartam scilicet partem ad festum sancti Michaelis . & quartam partem in aduentu . reliquarum partium unam quartam partem ante pascha . & altera post pentecosten . ante natiuitatem sancti Johannis baptiste . Testibus . Ernaldo capellano Willelmi archidiaconi . Picoth de Turs . Henrico de Broclousbi . clericis . Petro de Gouse . Willelmo filio Bernardi de Broclousebi . Herberto de Gouse militibus . Raulfo de Broclesbi . Osbero (*sic*) de Cabur . Umfrido . Gippe . Ricardo . Gosse . Gippe filio Ailleue . & Haggmund fratre eius . Waltero filio Galfridi . de Neuhus . & multis aliis . Hii sunt etiam testes qui interfuerunt quando hec carta tradita fuit á Willelmo filio Galfridi in manum domni episcopi Roberti apud Neuhus . presente Galfrido de Turs . & per manum eiusdem episcopi Gerloni abbati predictae ecclesie : Robertus archidiaconus *Lincolniensis* . magister Haimo cancellarius . Galfridus capellanus . Rogerus de Derebi . magister Malger . Gilbertus elemosinarius . Nicholas de Hantona . Laurentius .

Oval seal suspended by cords, building with round doorway and pointed roof. . . . ILLVM WILLELM . . . E NEVHVS.

Endorsed : Willelmi filii Galfridi (twelfth century).



## 306

**Harl. Chart. 44 G 17.** Grant by Gerlo the abbot and the convent of Newhouse to Ernald the skinner of St. Omer of a *mansura* in Newhouse which Duua held in the war, (Early Henry II.)

Nouerint uniuersi matris ecclesie filii quod ego Gerlo abbas de Nehus . 7 conuentus eiusdem domus dedimus 7 concessimus 7 presenti carta confirmauimus Ernaldo pellifici de sancto Audomaro . unam mansuram in Nehus uersus molendinum . quam Duua tenuit in guerra . ei 7 heredibus suis tenendam de nobis libere 7 quiete . reddendo annuatim duos denarios . unum ad pentecosten . 7 unum ad festum sancti Martini pro omni seruicio . Testibus . fratre Ernasio priore . fratre Baldwino fratre Hugone . fratre Waltero . Henrico Talun . Ernaldo de Saxlebi . 7 toto conuentu.<sup>1</sup>

Large oval conventual seal. [B. M. Cat. 3702.]

No endorsement.

## 307

**Harl. Chart. 50 B 44.** Grant by Robert son of Turketin to abbot Gerlo and the brethren of Newhouse of land in Norton Disney. (Circa 1150.)

R. dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo toti capitulo eiusdem ecclesie 7 omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Francis 7 Anglis . Robertus filius Turketin . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam absque omni seculari seruitio deo 7 abbati Gerloni de Nehus 7 fratribus ibi deo seruientibus locum quendam inter Nortun 7 Basingeham qui uocatur Raudemilne . in quo sita est capella sancti Iacobi apostoli . cum asiamentis aque 7 prato circa iacenti . 7 in eadem Nortuna decem bouatas terre de demenio meo ubicunque iacet remotius a sole cum prato eisdem pertinenti 7 asiamentis in moro . in turbere . in bruhere . 7 omnibus aliis asiamentis quantum pertinet ad predictam terram cum pastura .ccc.<sup>ti</sup>s ouibus 7 cum comuni pastura animalibus suis . 7 duas mansuras meas unam super aquam Widme ex orientali parte eiusdem Nortunie . 7 totum toft quod Johannes tenuit sicut antiquitus fossatum est cum croft quod ei adiacet . 7 duas culturas Kyreil cum prato . 7 Brichedail similiter cum prato ei adiacenti . 7 quatuor acras quas Hyngolf homo meus de demenio meo de me tenuit . 7 assensu meo predictis fratribus dedit . Huic donationi addo .iiii.<sup>or</sup> seliones qui ab aquilone in austrum se extendunt uersus septa ipsius loci . 7 duos seliones qui inde se

<sup>1</sup> Writing blurred in places.

extendunt uersus orientem iuxta uiam . 7 totam terram illam que iacet ante portam uersus Widme cum prato adiacenti . 7 meam terram de Thráloim . 7 ex australi parte iuxta uadum de Basingeham .iiii.<sup>or</sup> seliones cum prato adiacenti . 7 decimam panis 7 cereuisie domus méé . Hoc notato quod de hac prenominata elemosina non debent facere aliqua seruitia . seu aliquas consuetudines . uersus dompnium regem aut uicecomitem . seu ministros eius . aut dominos meos . uel memet ipsum . siue heredes meos . aut aliquam secularem personam . nec in murdre . nec in danegelt . aut in exercitu regis . siue scutagio . aut forifacto . siue in placito aliquo . aut seruitio . uel auxilio . aut consuetudine aliqua . uel exactione seculari . quod si forte exigantur? ego 7 heredes mei ea acquietabimus . 7 hec omnia dedi 7 concessi consensu 7 concessu uxoris mee Margarete . deo 7 sancte Marie . 7 sancto Iacobo apostolo . 7 sancto Marciali apostolo . 7 omnibus sanctis . 7 predictis fratribus . 7 meo confirmaui sigillo pro animabus antecessorum nostrorum . 7 nostris 7 heredum nostrorum . 7 omnium amicorum nostrorum . Coram his testibus . Willelmo fratre meo . Osberto presbitero de Basingham . Roberto nepote eius . Rogero uicario eius . Roberto Olifard . Roberto cognato Osberti presbiteri . Galfrido filio Ailric de Normenebi . Hingolf de Nortun . Johanne . Godwino . Haldano . Roberto . Siward . Balde . Turche . Ougrim . Alueld . Hec donatio predicta innouata fuit in capitulo *Lincolniensi* . presente Willelmo de Ýsini herede predicti Roberti 7 assensum prebente . coram his testibus . Ricardo abbate de Welleford . Humfrido subdecano . Hamone cancellario . Willelmo archidiacono . magistro Rainaldo . magistro Rogero . Wigero canonico . Willelmo filio Gunter (*sic*) . Hugone Baiocensi . 7 Iocio nepote eius .

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6013.]

Endorsed: note similar to third endorsement of No. 236.

## 308

**Harl. Chart. 50 A 6.** Grant by Robert son of Walter son of Alfred to Newhouse abbey of a messuage in Orford with the land and meadow belonging to it and common pasture in the fields of Binbrook. (Circa 1150-1155.)

Roberto dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo & toti capitulo (*sic*) et uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam eis qui sunt quam eis qui futuri sunt Robertus filius Walteri filii Alueredi salutem . Nouerit uestra dilectio me dedisse & concessisse deo & ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus & fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus unam mansuram in Hyreforth scilicet que fuit Morcharii 7 totam terram que ei adiacet cum prato adiacenti necnon 7 communem pasturam mecum & cum

meis hominibus in campis de Binnebroc in perpetuam elemosinam liberam & quietam ab omni exactione 7 seculari seruicio uidelicet in murdre & danegeld & placitis & querelis & omni alia exactione de me & de heredibus<sup>1</sup> meis excepto quod ad seruitium regis pertinet . Testibus . Roberto archidiacono . 7 Roberto decano de Steintuna . 7 Willelmo decano de Keurmunt . & Gerardo presbitero de Binnebroc . 7 Alwredo presbitero . 7 Radulfo presbitero . 7 Hugone presbitero de Hireford . Durando . Johanne Matheo Baret . Willelmo . Roberto . Reinaldo clericis . Alano filio Chod . Durando de Hireford . Alano filio Romfari . Thoma . Willelmo de Cundi . Scul . Rogero . de hominibus archidiaconi . Ingolf . Gerard . Gillebert . Romfar . Edric . Rogero . monacho . priore . Osberto . Alsī filio Ser . (sic)<sup>2</sup> Lewin . Willelmo filio Grim . Martino de Nofuilla . 7 Alano clerico fratre meo . 7 multis aliis.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5938.]

No endorsement.

## 309

**Harl. Chart. 55 E 41. Confirmation by Adam son of Alan of Rothwell to abbot Gerlo and the brethren of Newhouse of six bovates of demesne in Rothwell and two tofts given by Alan, Adam's father. (Circa 1150.)**

Roberto secundo *Lincolniensi* episcopo . 7 uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis modernis 7 posteris . Adam filius Alani de Rodeuuella . salutem . Notum sit uobis quod sex bouatas terre quas pater meus Alanus filius Glaii dedit Gerloni abbati de Neuhus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuam elemosinam duas scilicet pro sorore mea Mahald quam in religionem predicti fratres susceperunt . 7 alias duas quas pro se ipso 7 pro matre mea dedit 7 pro liberis suis . 7 alias duas quas dedit pro nepote suo Thoma filio Roberti fratris sui patrui mei cum duabus toftz que iacent iuxta toft patris sui aui mei uersus orientem quas dedit cum predictis sex bouatis terre de suo demenio . has easdem sex bouatas terre cum predictis duabus toftz dedi 7 concessi deo 7 sancte Marie 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuam elemosinam quiete 7 libere ab omni seruicio . ita quod hec predicta mea donatio 7 patris mei non sit obnoxia regi in aliquo aut uicecomiti . aut ministris eius siue prepositis . aut dominis meis . aut michimetipsi . aut alicui

<sup>1</sup> MS. *hedibus*, without compendium for *et*.

<sup>2</sup> As it stands, the *S* with its following compendium represents no known personal name. It is probable that the clerk intended to write 'Alsī filio Serle . Lewin'. A certain example of the personal name *Serle* (ON. *Sǫrli*) occurs among the witnesses to No. 309 below.



seculari persone . in murdre . in danegeld . in exercitu regis . in scutagio . aut aliqua consuetudine 7 seruitio aut auxilio . necnon 7 omni exactione seculari . 7 si quid seruitii siue consuetudinis predicte terre pertinet . de mea alia terra ego 7 heredes mei acquietabimus . Hoc notato quod annuatim habebunt predicti fratres sex bouatas terre ad colendum ex utraque parte uille . ita scilicet quod sex habebunt uno anno ex una parte uille 7 sex in altero anno ex altera parte uille ad colendum . Testibus . Roberto clerico de Rodewella . magistro Daud . Thoma fratre meo . Galfrido fratre meo . Roberto patruo . Serle . Petro . Hagemundo . Normanno . Hanc donationem meam recognoui apud Neuhus coram conuentu loci eiusdem 7 multis aliis coram positis.

Seal : animal. + SIGILLVM : ADAM : DE RODAVELLIE.

Endorsed : Adam de Rodwelle Rowelle Scripta est (early thirteenth century).

## 310

**Cott. Chart. v. 74. Confirmation of the same gift by Alan son of Adam of Rothwell. (Late twelfth century.)**

Uniuersis sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Alanus filius Adam de Rowelle . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse pro amore dei . 7 pro salute anime mee 7 pro anima patris mei 7 pro animabus omnium antecessorum 7 heredum meorum deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Nehus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus sex bouetas terre cum duobus toftis quas pater meus Adam ex donatione patris sui Alani filii Glai de demenio suo concessit eis 7 carta sua confirmauit . ita libere 7 quiete sicut carta patris mei quam ipsi inde habent testatur . Hoc notato quod ego 7 heredes mei tenebimus de eis sex predictas bouetas cum toftis suis . pro quibus reddemus eis annuatim quatuor solidos . duos scilicet ad pentecosten . 7 duos ad festum sancti Martini . Testibus Sampson de Rowelle decano . 7 magistro Gerardo fratre suo . Roberto capellano de Rowelle . Thoma . persona de Langetuna . magistro Petro Escrop . Willelmo Blanchard . Johanne fratre meo . Radulfo . clerico de Cukewald.

Seal : animal. + SIGILLVM ALA . . . . ROWELE.

Endorsed : (1) Scripta est (early thirteenth century). (2) Secundo . mutacio dominici in seruicium (fourteenth century).

## 311

**Cott. Chart. xxvii. 26. Grant by Alan de la Mara and Beatrice his wife to Newhouse abbey of the land called Ruholm. (Circa 1150.)**

Roberto dei gratia Lincolniensi episcopo . totique capitulo eiusdem

ecclesie . & omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis . tam presentibus quam futuris . Alanus de la Mara . 7 sponsa eius Beatrix salutem . Notum sit uobis nos dedisse 7 concessisse . 7 sigillo nostro confirmasse . libere ac perpetualiter in elemosinam pro animabus patrum 7 matrum . 7 antecessorum nostrorum ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus . 7 fratribus ibidem deo militantibus . terram quandam Ruholm uocata cum pascuis . 7 turbariis 7 piscinis . 7 necessariis . quantum concedere iuste possumus . Testimonio Gaufridi presbiteri de Kirentuna Gileberto (*sic*) nepotis <sup>1</sup> mei <sup>2</sup> . Rogeri . clerici <sup>3</sup> . Clarebaldi . Adam de Kirnetuna . 7 hominum meorum . 7 multorum aliorum .

Seal : on silk string : conventional animal. + SIGILLVM . WILELMI . DE LARA .

Short, illegible, endorsement.

## 312

**Cott. Chart. xi. 26.** Confirmation of the preceding gift by William son of Alan de la Mara and Amable his wife. (1157-1163).

Roberto dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo totique capitulo eiusdem ecclesie 7 omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris Willelmus de Lamarre filius Alani de Lamarre 7 Amabilis sponsa eius . salutem . Notum sit uobis nos dedisse 7 concessisse 7 sigillo confirmasse in liberam 7 quietam ac perpetuam elemosinam pro anima Alani de Lamarre 7 ceterorum antecessorum nostrorum deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Nehus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus totam terram que pertinet ad meum feudum in Ruholm . sicut dedit 7 concessit eam eisdem fratribus pater meus Alanus de Lamarre . cum communi piscatione illius aque 7 ceteris aisiamentis tam in aqua quam in maresco in pascuis in turbariis 7 in coopertorio . 7 ita quod hec predicta elemosina sit quietata 7 libera á murdre 7 danegeld ab exercitu regis 7 scutagio 7 ab omni consuetudine 7 seruitio seculari pertinenti regi aut uicecomiti 7 aliis ministris eius aut dominis meis aut mihimetipsi aut alicui seculari persone . quod si qua seruitia 7 consuetudines forte pertineant predictæ terre nos 7 heredes nostri acquietabimus eam . Testibus . Philippo abbate de Torentuna . Ricardo priore de Tornholm . Rogero cantore 7 Radulfo canonicis de Torentuna . Radulfo sacerdote de hospitali de Hellesham . Hugone sacerdote de Castre . Johanne presbitero de Broclesbi . Henrico clerico de Broclesbi . Hamone sacerdote de Hirebi . magistro Parisio . magistro Glai . Willelmo sacerdote de Castre . Alexandro presbitero de Castre . Simone clerico de Kadenai . Petro clerico de Keleseie . Osmundo sacerdote de Kaburna . Radulfo clerico de Husum .

<sup>1</sup> from *nepote*.

<sup>2</sup> from *meo*.

<sup>3</sup> from *clerico*.

Uualtero de Mundeule uicecomite . Petro de Gausla . Ricardo de Croxtun . Jacob de Mundegume . Rogero Arsic . Geruasio de Haltun . Willelmo de Sailli . Willelmo Berner de Haburch . Roberto filio Ernisi de Gousla . Adam de Roeuuel . Milone le molner . Gaufrido de Casteillun . Jacob de Seuerbi . cum multis aliis del trithing . Willelmo de Seuerbi . Osberno Luuel . Rogero filio Heruei de Castre . Goscelino filio Heruei de Haburch . 7 toto sacagio (*sic*) de Castre.

Tag only for seal.

No early endorsement.

## 313

**Dodsworth MS. xxx. fo. 48 b.** Transcript of grant by Geoffrey of Newhouse to the chapel of St. Marcial of land and meadow in and near Ulceby. (Before 1147.)

A. dei gratia *Lincolniensi* episcopo, 7 omnibus sancte dei ecclesie filiis, presentibus 7 futuris, G. de Neuhus salutem . Notum sit uobis omnibus me, per concessum heredis mei, dedisse capelle sancti Marcialis, in ipsa die dedicationis sue, in liberam dotem 7 perpetuam elemosinam Henepcroft totum, 7 sub eodem Henepcroft, inter Henepcroft 7 aquam .v. perticatas in latitudine, usque in aquam; 7 totam terram quam habui inter Sandholm, 7 uirgultum Petri de Gosle (*sic*) in terra culta, 7 prato, usque in aquam; 7 in campis Ulesbi terram quam habui in Lichtelau, à semita que ducit trans idem Lichtelau uersus aquilonem . Hec omnia dedi, concedentibus heredibus meis, Willelmo 7 Waltero . Testibus . Radulfo Luuel episcopo, qui eandem capellam dedicauit . magistro Malgero . Bouone persona eiusdem parochii . Hamone de Goussle . Haldan de Kelebi . Willelmo de Ulesbi presbiteris . Willelmo de Kelebi, Johanne de Brocclosbi, Henrico filio Nigelli Hamelin de Ulesbi, clericis . Petro de Gossle . Radulfo de Haltuna 7 Geruasio fratre suo, Hugone Berner . Ricardo fratre suo . Baldwino de Biford militibus . Humfrido de Neuhus, 7 aliis pluribus 7 de ipsa uilla 7 aliunde.

No note either of seal or of endorsement.

## 314

**Harl. Chart. 54 C 3.** Grant by Peter de Neuilla to Newhouse abbey of a *cultura* of arable in Ulceby. (Late twelfth century.)

Nouerint uniuersi sancte matris ecclesie filii presentes 7 futuri quod ego Petrus de Neuilla filius Roberti de Neuilla dedi 7 presenti carta



confirmaui deo 7 ecclesie sancti Marcialis de Neuhus 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus totam culturam meam in terra arabili que iacet in territorio de Ulsebi iuxta Linkemare uicinius ad orientem uersus ouile ipsorum iuxta terram quam habent de Hugone milite de Hulsebi proxime ad aquilonem . Hanc terram dedi eis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruicio terreno 7 seculari pro amore dei 7 pro salute anime mee 7 pro animabus omnium antecessorum 7 heredum meorum . Teste Radulfo capellano 7 scriptore . Rogero preposito . Roberto filio Lefwini de Lincollia . Radulfo filio Hugonis de Bernetebi . Henrico Talun . Galfrido stabulario . Roberto pistore . Willelmo de Celario . Ricardo nepote abbatis . Willelmo de Saxebi :

Seal: bird. +SIGILLVM PETRI DE NEFVILLA.

No endorsement.

## 315

**Harl. Chart. 50 C 24.** Grant, being in effect a confirmation, by Thomas son of William to Osbert son of Hervey of Grasby of an acre of meadow 'in Nortlanges in Smethefeld'<sup>1</sup> formerly held by Hervey, Osbert's father, of Thomas. (Late Henry II.)

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Thomas filius Willelmi consilio 7 assensu Agnetis sponse mee dedi 7 concessi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Osberto filio Herui de Gressebi 7 heredibus suis unam acram prati in Nortlanges in Smethefeld quam Herui pater suus tenuit de me . reddendo annuatim mihi 7 heredibus meis duos denarios de warneto ad festum apostolorum Petri 7 Pauli pro omnibus seruiciis 7 secularibus exactionibus . 7 ego 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus predictum pratum prenominato Hosberto 7 heredibus suis contra omnes homines . Hiis testibus . Simone capellano de Malbertorp . Simone capellano de Torp . Samsone de Rouuelle . Radulfo clerico de Cucuwald . Rogero dispensatore . Hugone de Gressebi . Brand de Castre . Ricardo Sakespee.

Fragment of seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5960.]

No early endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> In the neighbourhood of North Kelsey.

## V. NUNEATON SERIES

UNTIL 1903, when the British Museum purchased the great collection of manuscripts relating to the property of the Aston family of Aston Hall, Cheshire, little was known of the early history of Nuneaton priory beyond what was contained in a charter issued by earl Robert I of Leicester in favour of Fontevrault abbey,<sup>1</sup> of which Nuneaton at its foundation was a dependent house. The greater part of the considerable estates of this priory lay in the shires of Warwick and Leicester, and among the charters acquired in 1903 were thirty-four original texts of the twelfth century illustrating the history of the latter county, thirty-two of which are printed below.<sup>2</sup> The series includes four charters relating to the church of Claybrooke near Watling Street, three charters concerned with land or tithe at Groby north-west of Leicester, three others concerned with land at Dadlington north-west of Hinkley, and an important set of fifteen charters dealing with the property of the house at Waltham on the Wolds in the extreme north of the county. In general character, and to some extent in formulary detail, these charters are in contrast with the Lincolnshire texts which occupy the greater part of this book. From the evidence it would appear that the priory received by far the greater number of its early donations from persons of high station; there are at least, in this series, no examples of grants from peasant landowners such as those which give particular interest to the Kirkstead series which precedes these texts, and the Rufford series which follows them. Individually, the most remarkable of the Nuneaton texts is the early letter by which Hugh Wake prayed his friends and lords, and commanded his men to maintain a certain Bernard in the land which Hugh had given him; for few documents of this sort have been preserved in their original form.

<sup>1</sup> Round, *Calendar of Documents preserved in France*, No. 1062.

<sup>2</sup> Add. Chart. 47641 is a twelfth-century copy of six charters relating to the holding of Bernard of Waltham in Waltham on the Wolds: Add. Chart. 47642 is a duplicate of Add. Chart. 47639.

## 316

**Add. Chart. 47548.** Grant by Robert son of Osmund of Leicester to the nuns of Eaton of five shillings of yearly rent from a carucate in Ashby Folville belonging to Newbold by Lowesby, co. Leicester. (Early Henry II.)

.R. filius Osmundi de *Legrecestria* . omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis . tam futuris quam presentibus ⁊ salutem . Sciatis me dedisse ⁊ concessisse deo ⁊ sanctimonialibus de Etona ibidem deo seruientibus . quinque solidatos redditus in perpetuam elemosinam . singulis annis habendos de illa carrucata terre in Essebia Fulconis de Foleuilla que carrucata adiacet Neoboldam iuxta Losebi ; ita quod ego Robertus filius Osmundi . ⁊ heredes mei adquietabimus deo ⁊ sanctimonialibus de <sup>1</sup> Etona prefatos .v. solidatos redditus de omnibus seruiciis . intrinsicis . ⁊ forinsecis . eidem terre pertinentibus . erga regem . ⁊ comitem . ⁊ erga omnes homines . Quare uolo . firmiterque precipio . quod sanctimoniales de Etona habeant . ⁊ teneant . predictum redditum in perpetuam elemosinam libere ⁊ honorifice . ⁊ quiete . pro anima mea . ⁊ pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum . Testibus . R. comite *Legrecestrie* . Gaufrido Labbe . R. de Granfort . R. Gualense . R. friend <sup>1</sup> . Hugone capellano . Petro Craubrid . Ricardo Pincon . Roberto capellano .

Seal: equestrian. + SIGIL . . . . . OSMVNDI.

Endorsed: Hec est carta Roberti filii Osmund de .v. solidatis in Essebia . PRIMA ; (circa 1200).

## 317

**Add. Chart. 47558.** Grant by Hugh Abbatdun to the nuns of Eaton of the church of Claybrooke, co. Leicester. (Early Henry II.)

Uniuersis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens carta preuenerit . Hugo Abbatdun salutem . Quia melius memorie commendantur . scripture testimonio confirmata . uniuersitati uestre notum facio . me concessu ⁊ uoluntate uxoris mee Ysabelle ecclesiam de Cleibroc cum omnibus pertinenciis . in perpetuam elemosinam diuini amoris intuitu sanctimonialibus de Eattona sicut melius potui . concessisse . Et ut in posterum hec concessio firmiter perseueret . sigilli mei eam munimine confirmo . Hiis testibus . Adam sacerdote de Beddewrða . Ricardo persona ecclesie de Ebbestoka . ⁊ Waltero precentore Theokesbirie .

<sup>1</sup> Stroke through *d*.



Humfrido de Waltheham . Alano de Kippel' . Nicholao clerico .  
Philippo de Winburna . et multis aliis . tam clericis quam laicis.

Equestrian seal in bag. + SIG . . . . . HVGO . . . . . DVN.

Endorsed : Carta de Claibroc (circa 1200). .CX~. (fifteenth century).

## 318

**Add. Chart. 47556.** Confirmation by Ernald de Bosco to Nuneaton priory of the church of Claybrooke formerly given to that house by his mother. (Mid Henry II.)

.E. de Bosco omnibus hominibus 7 amicis suis tam futuris quam presentibus salutem Sciatis omnes quod ego concessi ecclesie Ethonie 7 monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus ecclesiam Claibroc cum suis pertinenciis quam mater mea dedit illis pro animabus parentum 7 antecessorum meorum 7 mei ipsius in elemosina (*sic*) in perpetuum ita libere 7 quiete quam liberius 7 quietius ecclesia unquam tenuit Volo ergo firmiterque precipio quatinus moniales Ethonie predictam ecclesiam Claibroc teneant 7 habeant in perpetuum sicut predictum est Testibus Willelmo de Diua . Anquetillo Mallore . Willelmo de Chirai Philipo de Diua Ricardo de Teurai Radulfo de Meheldin Valet.

Seal : equestrian, legend obliterated.

Endorsed : Hec est carta Ernaldi de Bosco de ecclesia de Claibroc (circa 1200). CX<sup>a</sup> (fifteenth century).

## 319

**Add. Chart. 47557.** Confirmation by Ernald de Bosco son of Isabel de Waterville to Nuneaton priory of the church of Claybrooke with all its appurtenances. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris . Ernaldus de Bosco filius Ysabelle de Wateuille salutem . Sciant omnes me concessisse . 7 presentis scripti testimonio confirmasse ecclesie de Etona 7 monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus de ordine Fontis Ebraudi . ecclesiam de Claibroc cum omnibus pertinenciis suis 7 libertatibus ab antecessoribus meis eidem ecclesie collatis<sup>1</sup> in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . Volo igitur firmiterque precipio . quod prefate moniales . pretaxatam ecclesiam usibus suis perpetuo profuturam pacifice possideant . Et ne hec concessio mea in posterum ualeat uacillare ? sub presencia istorum testium hec concessio facta fuit . scilicet . magistri<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Corr. from *collatas*.

<sup>2</sup> Corr. from *magistro*.

Thome de Lucteburga . magistri Nicolai de Bedewurda . Jordani clerici de Wulfhereshilla . Philippi de Diua . Radulfi Fridai . Heruei marescalli . Nicolai de Hobī . Willelmi de Turuilla . Reginaldi de Etona . Randulfi Truue . Humfridi de Etona . Herewardi de Etona . Cum multis aliis ;

Seal : equestrian. . . . VM E . . . . DE NEMORE.

Endorsed : Hec est carta Ernaudi de Bosco de ecclesia de Claebroc (circa 1200 ; a hand, apparently of the fifteenth century, has crossed out *carta* and inserted *relaxacio*).

## 320

**Add. Chart. 47559.** Agreement between the prioress of Nuneaton, Robert son of Ernald de Bosco, and master Gilbert of Belgrave, concerning the payment of six marks due yearly by way of pension in respect of Gilbert's tenure of the church of Claybrooke. (Before 1186.)

Sciānt tam presentes quam futuri quod talis est conuentio facta inter priorissam de Etona assensu ⁊ concessu totius conuentus de Etona . ⁊ R filium Ernaldi de Bosco . ⁊ magistrum . G. de Belegrauē super ecclesia de Claibroc . quod predictus magister . G. de Belegrauē tenebit predictam ecclesiam tota uita sua cum omnibus pertinentiis suis reddendo annuatim .vi. marcas argenti predicto R filio Ernaldi . de Bosco per .iii. terminos anni . nomine pensionis . scilicet ad purificationem beate Marie .ii. marcas . ad pentecosten .ii. marcas . ad festum sancti Michaelis .ii. marcas . Et predictus R filius predicti Ernaldi de Bosco reddet annuatim .iii. marcas nomine pensionis per predictos terminos conuentui de Etona . Et si predictus R filius Ernaldi de Bosco prius predicto . magistro G. uiam uniuerse carnis ingressus fuerit uel uitam suam mutauerit ⁊ predictus . G. predictam ecclesiam de Claibroc tota uita sua tenebit reddendo annuatim predictam pensionem .vi. marcarum argenti per predictos terminos conuentui de Etona . Et si predictus . G. prius prefato R uiam uniuerse carnis ingressus fuerit uel uitam suam mutauerit ⁊ predictus R prefatam ecclesiam de Claibroc tota uita sua tenebit reddendo annuatim .iii. marcas argenti conuentui de Etona per predictos terminos . Hanc autem conuentionem tenendam . affidauit Humfridus tunc balliuus domus de Etona . precepto tunc priorisse Aeliz . de Etona . ⁊ . B. prioris eiusdem loci . Et Ernaldus de Bosco hanc conuentionem manu sua affidauit tenendam . ⁊ predictus R filius eiusdem Ernaldi . ⁊ predictus . G. eandem conuentionem affidauit tenendam in pleno capitulo . Et post decessum utriusque ⁊ remanebit predicta

ecclesia de Claibroc cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in perpetuam elemosinam predictæ domui de Etona . Testibus . his . Roberto comite Legrecestrie . Willelmo abbate Legrecestrie . magistro . G. filio . B. archidiaconi Legrecestrie . magistro R. de Wlfega . A. decano Legrecestrie . A. capellano archidiaconi Legrecestrie . 7 multis aliis in capitulo Legrecestrie ;

Four strips for seals—upon the first three of which are rough drafts of the present charter. Seal on fourth impression of gem: + SIGILLVM MAGISTRI GILEB'.

Endorsed : (1) de Claebroc (circa 1200). (2) Almost illegible fifteenth-century note. (3) Non inrotatur (fifteenth century).

## 321

Add. Chart. 47580. Notification by Paul the abbot and the convent of St. Mary de Pre, Leicester, that they have taken into their keeping the charter of Robert Blanchesmains earl of Leicester, granting to the nuns of Nuneaton with his daughter a hundred *solidatæ* of land in Dadlington, co. Leicester, which Hugh de Novilla took away from the nuns and earl Robert fitz Parnel confirmed to Hugh, so that if the earl shall satisfy the nuns by another gift of a hundred *solidatæ* of land the abbot and convent will restore the charter to the earl, but if he shall not make this satisfaction in his lifetime they will return the charter to the nuns after his death. (After 1189.)

Uniuersis sancte dei ecclesie fidelibus . frater P. dictus abbas ecclesie sancte Marie de Prato Legrecestrie . 7 eiusdem loci humilis conuentus eternam in domino salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra nos recepisse in custodia nostra quandam cartam monialium de Ethona . quam Robertus comes Legrecestrie filius Roberti comitis 7 Amicie comitis eis fecit de centum solidatis terre in Dadelintona 7 eisdem monialibus cum filia sua dedit . quam etiam terram Hugo de Nouilla illis abstulit . 7 quam Robertus comes filius Roberti comitis 7 Petronelle comitis eidem Hugoni carta sua confirmauit . Ea siquidem condicione predictam cartam in custodia nostra recepimus . quod si predictus Robertus comes filius Roberti comitis 7 Petronelle comitis prefatis monialibus in aliquo beneficio pro centum solidatis terre in uita sua satisfecerit . cartam ipsam eidem comiti trademus ad frangendum . uel libitum suum inde faciendum . 7 memorate moniales remiserunt ipsi comiti 7 patri suo quicquid ipse uel pater suus ui eis ante deliquit (*sic*) . quod si in uita sua predictis monialibus in aliquo beneficio non satisfecerit . cartam predictam eisdem



monialibus post mortem ipsius comitis reddemus . Hiis testibus . Gilleberto de Mineriis senescallo comitis . Radulfo de Martinwast . Alano filio Roberti . Radulfo Fridai . Humfrido de Ethona . Gumfrido 7 Wiberto capellanis . Gaufrido de Cranford . Ricardo filio Warin . Willelmo de Belegraue . Willelmo de Lilleburna . 7 multis aliis.

Bag appended, containing fragments of a seal.

Endorsed : Hec est carta P abbatis beate Marie de prato Legrecestrie . de centum solidatis terre in Dadelintona (circa 1200).

## 322

**Add. Chart. 47552.** Confirmation by Parnel countess of Leicester to Nuneaton priory of nine virgates in Belgrave, co. Leicester, given by earl Robert her son in exchange for the land of Dadlington which earl Robert her husband had given to the nuns. (After 1189.)

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit . Petronilla comitissa Leircestrie salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me pro salute anime mee 7 pro animabus patris 7 matris mee . 7 Roberti comitis sponsi mei 7 filiorum 7 filiarum mearum 7 omnium antecessorum meorum concessisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 ecclesie de Etona 7 sanctimonialibus ibidem deo seruientibus in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam donationem quam Robertus comes Leircestrie filius meus eis fecit . scilicet nouem uirgatas terre cum omnibus suis pertinentiis in Belegraue in excambio pro terra de Dadelintona quam sponsus meus . Robertus . comes dedit eisdem sanctimonialibus cum filia mea pie memorie Hawis . illas uidelicet .ix. uirgatas terre quas habuit Aaron iudeus de Lincolnia . Et uolo quod prefate sanctimoniales illas predictas .ix. uirgatas terre in Belegraua possideant 7 habeant imperpetuum libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice sine omni seculari exactione mihi 7 heredibus meis pertinente . Uolo etiam ut omnes earum terre 7 possessiones que infra hereditatem meam continentur de me 7 de heredibus meis integre bene 7 in pace possideant 7 habeant prout in cartis Roberti . comitis filii mei 7 sponsi mei patris sui 7 aui filii mei continentur . Et ut hec mea concessio 7 confirmatio rata 7 stabilis in posterum perseueret . eam attestacione sigilli mei corroborauit . Hiis testibus . P. abbate Leircestrie . Thoma de Estlega . Radulfo de Martiwast . Ricardo filio Warini . Simone de Toruilla . Hamone de Hotot . Willelmo de Seneuilla . Radulfo Fridei . Gregorio 7

Willelmo capellanis meis . Simone seruiente meo . Ricardo clerico . et multis aliis.

Seal: woman standing holding lys in right hand. SIGILLV . . . . ONEL . . . . ISSE LEGERCE.

Endorsed: (1) Hec est carta P comitis de .ix. uirgatis terre in Belegraue (circa 1200). (2) Quieta clamacio Petronell comitis . Non inrotulatur set tamen mensio fit (fifteenth century).

## 323

**Add. Chart. 47551.** Release by Robert fitz Parnell earl of Leicester to Nuneaton priory of *pannagium* and *herbagium* in his wood of Hungerford, co. Berkshire, and grant to the same of nine virgates in Belgrave in exchange for the land of Dadlington which his father had given to the priory. (After 1189.)

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Robertus comes *Legrecestrie* filius Petronelle comitis salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me pro salute anime mee 7 Iorette uxoris mee . 7 pro animabus patris 7 matris mée 7 omnium antecessorum meorum dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 ecclesie de Eatona 7 sanctimonialibus ibidem deo seruientibus in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam quitantiam pannagii 7 herbagii in bosco meo de Hungerforda . Preterea concessi eis .ix. uirgatas terre cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in Belegraue illas scilicet quas habuit Aaron iudeus de Nicolia . in excambio pro terra de Dadelintona quam pater meus dederat eis cum sorore mea pie memorie Hawis . 7 uolo quod illas predictas .ix. uirgatas terre in Belegraue possideant 7 habeant libere 7 quiete sine omni exactione 7 querela predictae domine in perpetuum . Volo etiam ut omnia earum bona michi 7 heredibus meis pertinentia integre possideant prout habetur in cartis aui mei 7 patris mei . Ut autem hec mea donatio atque concessio rata 7 inconcussa habeatur : eam attestatione sigilli mei corroboraui . Hiis testibus . domino . P. abbate *Legrecestrie* . fratre . H. priore de *Wareham*<sup>1</sup> fratre Ricardo celerario de *Lýra* . Willelmo capellano comitis . domino Philippo de *Albinia* . Marchisio fratre suo . Oliuero de *Albinia* . magistro G. de Belegraue . magistro . G. de Aquila . Radulfo de *Martiwast* . 7 multis aliis.

Fragment of seal.

Endorsed: Hec est carta . R. comitis de panagio de Hungrefort 7 de .ix. uirgatis terre in Belegraue (circa 1200).

<sup>1</sup> The correct extension of this name is uncertain, but Wareham priory, a cell of Lire, was a foundation of the house of Beaumont.

## 324

**Add. Chart. 47582.** Grant by Robert Blanchesmains earl of Leicester to Nuneaton priory of the tithe of the fish of his fish-ponds of Groby, co. Leicester. (Henry II.)

R. comes *Legrecestrie* omnibus hominibus ⁊ amicis suis Francis ⁊ Anglis tam presentibus quam futuris . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse ⁊ hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo ⁊ ecclesie beate Marie ⁊ sanctimonialibus de Eatuna pro salute anime mée ⁊ antecessorum meorum . ⁊ . P. uxoris mée ⁊ liberorum meorum decimam piscium uiuariorum meorum de Grobi in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam . His testibus Turstanus abbas (*sic*) de Gerouduna Hamone cantore de Gerouduna . Johanne priore de Cheinesham . Ernaldo de Bosco . Willemo de Wiuilla . Rogero de Campen . Hugone de Campen . Ricardo le abbe . Henrico Malorei . Radulfo Malorei . Moruan le rotur . Simone le rotur . Wiberto capellano . Johanne de Benintuna . Willemo le butheler .

Tag for seal.

Endorsed: Hec est carta de decimis piscium uiuariorum de Grobi (circa 1200). Groby . de piscaria (fifteenth century).

## 325

**Add. Chart. 47583.** Grant by the same to Isabel countess of Northampton his sister of a bovat in Groby held by Walerand, and of the latter's service. (Mid Henry II.)

R. comes *Legrecestrie* omnibus hominibus suis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem . Sciatis me dedisse ⁊ concessisse Isabelle comitisse de *Norhamtona* sorori mee ⁊ heredibus suis illam bouatam terre que fuit Nicholai filii Suani in Grobi quam Walerandus tenet . ⁊ seruicium Waleranni de terra illa reddendo mihi inde annuatim ⁊ heredibus meis quasdam athachias de serico pro omni seruicio quod ad me pertinet . Et Walerandus tenebit terram illam de sorore mea ⁊ de heredibus suis reddendo ei inde annuatim unam unciam de serico pro omni seruicio ad illam pertinente ⁊ ad heredes suos . Quare uolo quod soror mea . I. comitissa ⁊ heredes sui de me ⁊ heredibus meis teneant bene ⁊ in pace libere ⁊ quiete . ⁊ honorifice per predictum seruicium predictam bouatam terre . ⁊ seruicium Waleranni . Testibus Willemo capellano . Roberto capellano . Willemo de Britoilla . Willemo de Chirai . Hogone (*sic*) de Campen . Willemo . Pagano . Nicolao filio Simonis . ⁊ multis aliis.

Seal: broken, in bag.

Endorsed: Carta Roberti comitis *Legrecestrie* (Henry III).



## 326

**Add. Chart. 47584.** Grant by Isabel countess of Northampton to Nuneaton priory of a bovate in Groby, with the condition that Walerand shall hold the same in fee and inheritance of the priory. (Mid Henry II.)

. Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego I. comitissa Northamtonie dedi 7 concessi 7 hac presenti carta confirmaui deo 7 beate Marie 7 conuentui de Eatona pro salute anime patris mei 7 fratris mei . R. comitis *Legrecestrie* 7 pro salute . W. de Britollio 7 pro salute anime mee 7 predecessorum 7 successorum meorum illam bouatam terre que fuit Nicholai filii Suani in Grobi quam Robertus comes *Legrecestrie* frater meus dedit mihi 7 heredibus meis in feudo 7 in hereditate tenendam de eo 7 de heredibus suis . libere . 7 quiete . ab omnibus seruiciis per quasdam atachias annuatim ei 7 heredibus suis inde reddendas in liberam 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruicio quod ad me uel ad meos pertineat : tali scilicet conditione ut moniales de Eatone singulis annis reddant comiti *Legrecestrie* 7 heredibus suis predictas athachias pro seruicio terre . Et Walerandus 7 heredes sui tenebunt in feudo 7 in hereditate de monialibus terram illam . libere . 7 quiete ab omni seruicio ad illas pertinetæ (*sic*) : reddendo eis unam unciam de serico annuatim in festo sancti Johannis baptiste . Testibus . Willelmo filio Widonis . Alano dapifero . Rogero capellano . Willelmo capellano . Rogero de Hageleia . Thoma filio Alani . Gaufrido de Bradeforda . Thoma filio Thome . Roudlando . de la Genoueraï . 7 Henrico clerico de Estona 7 satis aliis.

Oval seal: fragmentary, in bag.<sup>1</sup>

Endorsed: De terra de Grobi (circa 1200). Leye' (fifteenth century).

## 327

**Add. Chart. 47599.** Grant by Roger Walensis, with Maud his daughter and Avizia her mother, to Nuneaton priory of a *mansura* in Leicester, with notification that Avizia has given to the priory, with herself, a *mansura* outside the west gate. (Early Henry II.)

Rogerus Walensis omnibus sancte ecclesie fidelibus . salutem . Sciant omnes tam posteri quam presentes quod ego cum Matilde filia mea . 7 Auizia matre ipsius . pro salute anime mée . 7 omnium parentum 7 amicorum meorum concessi 7 dedi in liberam 7 perpetuam

<sup>1</sup> On the seal tag is written in the same hand as the charter : Nic' Nic' papa.

elemosinam deo ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie de Eatona . ⁊ monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus . unam mansuram que reddebat mihi .xi. solidos . que est in magno uico iuxta domum Wulfrici prepositi quam Gilbertus filius Walberti tenuit . in burgagio . in *Lergrecestria* . Et Auizia predicta mater filie Rogeri Walensis dedit secum prefate ecclesie de Eatona . quandam mansuram extra portam de West . que est iuxta domum Leofrici filii Alsi . quam Petrus medicus dedit ei de qua ipsa habet cartam comitis que reddit .iiii. solidos . Testibus Willelmo de Langelea canonico *Chinedewurdie* <sup>1</sup> . Abello canonico *Lergrecestrie* . Roberto capellano comitis . Matheo capellano comitis . Adam de Cranforda . Petro scriptore . Ernaldo de Bosco . Willelmo Burdet' . Gaufrido Labbe . Iuone de Harewecurtha . Hugone Burdet' Ricardo Labbe Radulfo de Turuilla . Rogero de Cranforda . Herueio marescallo . Hugone de Duneham Gilberto Peschero . Rogero filio Walteri de Camuilla . Roberto filio Aschetilli Mallore.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : Hec est confirmatio Rogeri Walensis de reditu (*sic*) *Lergrecestrie* (circa 1200).

## 328

**Add. Chart. 47600. Grant by Cecilia widow of Robert de Vaudari to Nuneaton priory of a *mansura* in Leicester. (Early Henry II.)**

Cecilia que fuit uxor Roberti de Vaudari . omnibus sancte ecclesie fidelibus . salutem . Sciant omnes tam posteri quam presentes quod ego pro salute animę męe ⁊ omnium parentum ⁊ amicorum meorum . concessi ⁊ dedi in liberam ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam deo . ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie de Eatona . ⁊ monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus . unam mansuram in burgagio in *Legrecestria* . que michi reddidit .ii. solidos . quam Reginaldus Rumangra . tenuit . Testibus . Willelmo de Langelea canonico *Chinedewurdie* <sup>2</sup> . Abello canonico *Lergrecestrie* Roberto capellano comitis . Matheo capellano comitis qui scripsit hanc cartam Adam de Cranforda Petro scriptore Ernaldo de Bosco . Willelmo Burdet . Gaufrido Labbe Iuone de Harewecurt . Radulfo de Turuilla . Ricardo Labbe Rogero de Cranforda Herueio marescallo .

<sup>1</sup> The proper extension of this name presents difficulty. The place intended is probably the Augustinian priory of Kenilworth, a name commonly represented in the twelfth century by Chenilleward or Kenildewurd (cf. *Mon. Ang.* vi. 220-3), and apparently derived from an O.E. \**Cēnilde weorthig*. In a text of the date of this charter it is quite possible for *l* to be lost before *d*, and for *e* to be replaced by *i*.

<sup>2</sup> See note to previous charter.

Rogero Walensi . Rogero filio Walteri de Camuilla . Roberto filio Aschetilli Mallore.<sup>1</sup>

Slits only for seal tag.

Endorsed : Hec est confirmatio Cecilie uxoris Roberti de Uauldari de redditu Lergrecestrie (circa 1200).

## 329

Add. Chart. 47601. Notification by Eilieva, wife of Robert the cook, that in her infirmity she has rendered herself to the church of Fontevrault and the house of Nuneaton, and has given by way of recognition a mantle, a cap, a gold ring, eight pigs, eleven beasts, nineteen sheep, and two houses in Leicester and one in Bristol. She has seized the nuns in the houses with the condition that if she recover from her illness and wish to live longer in the world the nuns shall secretly give her the rent of the houses, and shall receive her as a nun when she wishes to renounce the world. (Late Henry II.)

Presentibus 7 posteris innotescat quod Eilieua de Kerletona uxor Roberti coci quadam infirmitate detenta dedit se 7 concessit deo 7 ecclesie Fontisebraldi 7 domui de Etona 7 reddidit in manus Hugonis capellani eiusdem domus 7 domine Cecilie cellerarie 7 domine Eidiez de Hinkelai precepto domine Juliane tunc priorisse in eadem domo & domini Vitalis prioris . & de recognitione dedit domui predictae de Etona unum mantellum uarium 7 unam cappam forratam . 7 unum anulum aureum . 7 .viii. porchos . 7 .xi. animalia 7 .xix. oues . & duas domos in uilla de Leicestre 7 unam in uilla de Bristo . Domos autem tali dedit conditione 7 moniales inde saisui ut census earum amplius annuatim recipiant . & si de egritudine conualeret 7 longius in <sup>2</sup> seculo uellet uiuere : prefatum census ad uictui necessaria occulte ei redderent . 7 quando deus ei renuntiandi seculo daret uoluntatem eam in monialem reciperent . Ego autem Gilia Fontisebraldi priorissa facta super hoc coram me recordatione uolui 7 precepi 7 presenti scripto concessi ut quecumque esset priorissa uel prior in domo . eam quando uellet reciperent 7 habitum religionis imponerent . Et hoc uiderunt 7 audierunt domina Johanna Ambresberie priorissa . dominus Johannes prior de Fontanis . dominus Alo capellanus 7 dominus Garnerius 7 omnes fratres de Etona 7 plures alii . ;

CIROGRAPHVM<sup>3</sup>

Bag which has once contained a seal.

Endorsed : Leycestria . De duabus domibus ibidem 7 .i. domo in Bristoll concessis domui de Etona per Eilieuam de Kerletuna uxorem Roberti coci. ex<sup>~</sup>. .iii.<sup>a</sup> (fifteenth century).

<sup>1</sup> In the same hand as the preceding charter.    <sup>2</sup> The word *in* is interlined.

<sup>3</sup> Cut through, not indented.



## 330

**Add. Chart. 47602.** Grant by Robert the cook of Carlton to St. Mary and the nuns of Eaton of his land in Leicester. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Robertus Coqus (*sic*) de Kariltun salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me concessisse 7 dedisse consilio 7 uoluntate Aylie uxoris mee 7 parentum meorum 7 amicorum deo 7 sancte Marie de Ethona 7 monialibus que sunt de ordine Fontis Ebraldi in predicto loco deo seruientibus terram meam de Legrecestria in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . Hanc uero donationem feci pro salute anime mee 7 uxoris mee 7 amicorum meorum . 7 pro anima Roberti comitis Legrecestrie . 7 Amicie quondam eiusdem loci comitis . saluo tamen seruicio uenerabilis uiri Roberti comitis Legrecestrie . Ne uero presens etas que luci est auida 7 ad fallendum prona aliquo modo temere ualeat perturbare uel hanc donationem in irritum reuocare . presentis scripti munimine 7 sigilli mei appositione . eam congruum duxi confirmare . 7 ipsam terram utile arbitror propriis uocabulis designare . terram uidelicet que in parochia sancti Martini iuxta terram Willelmi dot . et terram que est in parochia sancte Marie in castello iuxta furnum comitis . Hus (*sic*) donationis isti sunt testes . Berengarius prior Ethonie . magister Thomas de Lucteburic . Rogerus capellanus . Umfredus sinescallus (*sic*) . Nicolaus clericus . Ernisius de Kenetebiri . Rogerus Mala herba . Ricardus de Kenetebiri . 7 multi alii.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : Carta R coqui (circa 1200). Leyc' (fifteenth century).

## 331

**Add. Chart. 47619.** Confirmation by Heldeburg the abbess and the convent of Fontevrault of the grant by the prioress, prior, and convent of Nuneaton to Brian who was with Robert de Chaise Dieu of the land in Swinford which Richard Mallory gave to the abbey of Nuneaton. (Circa 1155.)

Heldeburgis abbatissa Fontis Ebraldi . uniuersis sancte ecclesie fidelibus . salutem . Nouerit tam posteri quam presentes quod ego Heldeburgis abbatissa Fontis Ebraldi . 7 conuentus meus mecum concedimus 7 presenti carta firmamus illam donationem quam priorissa 7 prior de Ethona 7 totus conuentus eiusdem loci fecerunt Brientio qui fuit cum Roberto de Casa dei 7 heredibus suis in feudum 7 hereditatem . totam illam terram de Suineforda quam Ricardus Mallorei dedit in

elemosina abbacie de Ethona . Brientius uero annuatim reddet pro omnibus seruitiis 7 consuetudinibus predictae abbacie .viii. solidos . Et pro seruitio suo clamamus ei pannagium quietum de suis dominicis porcis . Hanc donationem ei fecimus pro seruitio suo quod fecit abbacie Fontis Ebraldi . 7 supradictae domui de Ethona . Testibus . Ricardo abbate de Leiercestria . Anketillo priore de Leiercestria . Hugone Barre archidiacono de Liercestria . Gaufrido monacho de Lira . Philippo presbitero . Gregorio presbitero . Roberto de Cheluerthescote presbitero . Gaufrido abbate dapifero comitis . Ricardo Mallorei qui hanc elemosinam dedit . Rogero de Granforda . Iuone de Ellespeth . Edwardo de Ethona . R . . . . de Ethona . Roberto Franc' . Aceman fabro . Adam de Stenre . 7 toto halimoto .

Seal : lis.

Endorsed : Eodem die . sacra dormicio Matildis deo deuote & sacratę abbatisę . que secunda post Petronillam primam Fontisebraldi eccliesię uenerabilem abbatisam . eandem eccliesiam nolens 7 renitens suscepit regendam . Hęc itaque licet regali ex progenie dinoscitur fuisse . tamen profusa dei gratia . talem se exhibuit . tanteque humilitati semet ipsa subdidit . ut non solum a suis subiectis . uerum etiam ab omnibus catholicę eccliesię personis amaretur . Que transacto post electionem suam quinque annorum curriculo peccatis nostris exigentibus ut credimus . speramus . confidimus .xi.<sup>o</sup> kl lunii in uera confessione sedes adiit paradisiacas dolorem nobis relinquens & lacrimas . Set quum sacra testante scriptura . nec infans unius diei uiuit sine peccato . deprecemur dominum in commune . ut si qua sunt ei peccata dimittat precedentibusque sanctorum meritis . animę eius ianuam uite aperiat . quod ipse concedat cuius regnum & imperium permanet in secula seculorum . Amen. (twelfth century). Swynford viii<sup>a</sup> (fifteenth century).

### 332

Add. Chart. 53093. Grant by Reginald son of Edward of Nuneaton to Nuneaton priory of a virgate in Swinford, co. Leicester, of the fee of Geoffrey Ridel, with the provision that Nicholas brother of Robert the earl of Leicester's chaplain shall hold that virgate *iure hereditario* of the priory. (Henry II.)

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Reginaldus filius Edwardi de Eaton pro salute anime mee 7 animarum patris 7 matris mee 7 antecessorum 7 successorum meorum . dono 7 concedo . eccliesie (*sic*) sancte Marie de Eaton . 7 monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus in puram 7 perpetuam 7 liberam elemosinam . unam uirgatam terre in Suinforda . quam Nicolaus frater Roberti capellani . R. comitis Lercestrie . iure hereditario de me tenet . Ea interposita conditione . quod

predictus Nicolaus 7 heredes sui predictam uirgatum terre in Suinforda que de feodo Galfridi Ridel est ⁊ tenebunt iure hereditario de ecclesia sancte Marie de Eatona . 7 de monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus per dimidiam libram incensi de tribus denariis . reddendam singulis annis aut tres denarios . libere . 7 honorifice . 7 quiete . ab omni seruicio seculari . 7 exactione . Et quia sigillum tunc non habui ⁊ hanc donationem per sigillum Ancatilli Mallorei domini 7 cognati mei confirmo in testimonium predictæ donationis . Teste Roberto capellano . Gregorio presbitero de Eatona . Ancatillo Mallorei senescallo comitis . Radulfo Fridai . Willelmo multun . Hereueo filio Atceman (*sic*)<sup>1</sup> . Roberto de Siwaldebi . Reginaldo de Belegraue . Brien . Rogero clerico Roberti capellani . Simone homine suo.

Seal tag and bag which has once contained a seal.

Endorsed : Hec est confirmatio Renaudi detona (*sic*) de uirgata terre apud Suinefort (circa 1200). Swynford (fifteenth century).

## 333

**Add. Chart. 47632.** Notification by Hugh Wac to his men that he has given to Bernard nine bovates in Waltham on the Wolds, co. Leicester. (Circa 1150.)

Hugo Wac omnibus hominibus suis Francis 7 Anglis salutem . Notum sit uobis omnibus me dedisse huic Bernardo in Waltham 7 concessisse 7 heredi suo in feodo 7 hereditate .ix. bouatas terre pro suo seruicio ad tenendum de me 7 de meis heredibus libere & quiete 7 honorifice 7 proibeo (*sic*) ne inde aliquid seruicium faciat nisi mecum . Quare precor omnes meos amicos 7 dominos 7 precipio hominibus 7 ministris meis ut eum 7 heredes suos in predicta terra manuteneant 7 custodiant sicut me diligunt 7 honorem meum . Valete . Huius donationis sunt testes . Reginaldus de cruce . Osbertus Wiscart . Geruasius filius Ricardi . Serlo de Flotemanuilla . Robertus Calum . Radulfus de Saumni . Robertus Torel . Umfridus de Lunges . Robertus Basset 7 Alanus filius Viel Luuet 7 Harel 7 Herbertus clericus qui hoc bene scripsit 7 alii multi apud Burgalai.

Seal : legend nearly gone.

Endorsed : Hec est carta Hugoni (*sic*) Wac (circa 1200).

<sup>1</sup> Presumably for *Acceman*.



## 334

Add. Chart. 47629. Grant by Isabel countess of Northampton and earl Simon her son and heir to the abbey of the nuns of Eaton of two carucates of land with pasture for three hundred sheep in Waltham on the Wolds. (Before 1158.)

Isabel comitissa filia Roberti comitis *Legrecestrie* . & Sýmon comes filius eius & heres . omnibus fidelibus sancte ecclesie salutem . Sciatis nos concessisse & in perpetuam elemosinam dedisse . abbacie sanctimonialium de Etona duas carucatas terre in Waltam . unam de dominio & alteram de assisa rusticorum . cum pastura .ccc. ouium liberas & quietas erga nos & heredes nostros . & nos & heredes nostri erga regem . de geldo & denegeldo & scutagio . & erga omnes homines ab omni seruitio seculari adquietabimus & defendemus . Volumus igitur & firmiter constituimus . ut predicta ecclesia sancte Marie de Etona & sanctimoniales ibidem deo seruientes hanc elemosinam ita libere & quiete & honorifice teneant . sicut aliqua ecclesia per Angliam aliquam elemosinam liberius & quietius & honorificentius unquam tenuit uel tenet . Et hanc elemosinam in perpetuum quietam clamamus . ab omni seruitio seculari . Teste Ricardo abbate *Legrecestrie* . Anshetillo priore . Osberto canonico . Amicia comitissa *Legrecestrie* . Galfrido abbate . Willelmo Burdet . magistro Ead-mundo . Ricardo camerario . Rogero de Cranforda . Willelmo de Rudeuilla . Rogero Walense .

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : Hec est confirmatio Isabel comitisse de terra de Walteham (circa 1200).

## 335

Add. Chart. 47630. Confirmation of the preceding gift by earl Simon of Northampton. (Before 1158.)

Comes Simon . nepos Roberti comitis *Legrecestrie* . omnibus fidelibus sancte ecclesie . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse donationem quam fecit Isabel comitissa mater mea . abbacie sanctimonialium de Etona . uidelicet duas carrucatas terre in Waltham . unam de dominio . 7 alteram de assisa rusticorum . cum pastura .ccc. ouium . & ego ipse simul dono 7 presenti carta confirmo . easdem duas carrucatas terre . cum pastura . liberas 7 quietas ab omni seruitio seculari erga me 7 heredes meos . 7 erga omnes homines : in perpetuam elemosinam . eidem abbacie . & si quid seruitium illa terra alicui debet : ego 7 heredes mei adquietabimus eam in perpetuum . Uolo igitur ut predicta ecclesia sancte Marie de Etona 7 sanctimoniales ibidem deo

seruientes hanc elemosinam ita libere ⁊ quiete teneant . sicut aliqua ecclesia per Angliam aliquam elemosinam liberius ⁊ quietius ⁊ honorificentius tenet . Testibus . Ricardo abbate Legrecestrie . A. comitissa Legrecestrie . Anschetillo priore . magistro Edmundo . Gaufrido abbate . Willelmo Burdet<sup>1</sup> . Rogero de Cranford . Ricardo camerario.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : Hec est carta comitis Simonis de terra de Waltham (circa 1200).

## 336

**Add. Chart. 47631.** Grant by Gervase Paine! and Isabel his wife to the nuns of Eaton of a *mansura* in Waltham on the Wolds. (Circa 1160.)

. G. Paganellus & Isabel uxor sua omnibus hominibus suis Francis ⁊ Anglis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem . Sciatis nos dedisse & concessisse ⁊ hac presenti cartula confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Eatona deo ⁊ sancte Marie ibidem seruientibus unam mansuram in perpetuam elemosinam & in escambiam propter quandam aliam mansuram quam predictae sanctimoniales tenuerunt de curia mea in Waltham scilicet illam que est ex altera parte uie iuxta domos nostras . cuius longitudo est xix. perches . & latitudo vi. perches . ⁊ hec est ultra duas carruatas terre quas in perpetuam elemosinam similiter possident . Testibus . Willelmo priore de Eatona . ⁊ Agnete priorissa de eadem . coram quibus hec facta sunt . ⁊ Adam de Estona . Nicolao filio Simonis . Waltero clerico . Henrico filio . Willelmi Bernardo de Watham<sup>1</sup> . ⁊ Vmfrido de eodem (*sic*) . Brieno de Eatona.

Tags for two seals and slit for a third tag.

Endorsed : Hec est confirmatio Geruasii Paganelli de<sup>e</sup> Walteham (circa 1200). .ex. (fifteenth century).

## 337

**Add. Chart. 47634.** Notification by Gervase Paine! to Baldric archdeacon of Leicester that Gervase at the request of the countess Isabel his wife has given the church of Waltham to Richard *nepos* of Stephen the clerk of Eaton. (1158-1166.)

Dilecto suo Baldrico archidiacono Leircestrie ⁊ uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ⁊ Geruasius Paine! salutem ⁊ sinceram dilectionem . Sciatis me in perpetuam elemosinam dedisse ecclesiam de Waltham petitione . Isabelle . comitisse uxoris meę Ricardo nepoti Stephani

<sup>1</sup> This name is confused.

clerici de Echetona . eamque predicto Ricardo presenti carta mea confirmasse . Inde est quod uestram exoro benignitatem in domino . quatinus ipsum Ricardum . in hac mea donatione perpetuo ei collata . attencius foueatis . ea qua decet<sup>1</sup> deuotione protegatis . ea qua oportet sollicitudine in agendis suis assistatis . His testibus . *Isabella* . comitissa . Godwino . de Neuport . Fulcone Paine<sup>l</sup> . Rodberto Paine<sup>l</sup> . Tomas (*sic*) camerarius . Benedicto clerico . Nicholao filio Sýmonis . Hermannno de Neuport . Rodberto diacono . Bernardo de Waltham . Rogero de Hageleia . Rannulfo uenatore . Berengario capellano . Stephano de Echetona . Sýmone 7 . Stefano fratribus de Echetona . Petro clerico de Paxtona . Hugone 7 Michaelae hominibus Stefani clerici . Ricardo clerico de Echetona . Gregorio clerico de Huntendona . Ernaldo camerario . Rodberto paruo . Galfrido homine Ricardi . clericis .

Foot of charter torn. No seal.

Endorsed : Hec est carta G. Paine<sup>l</sup> de ecclesia de Waltham (circa 1200). .ex~. (fifteenth century).

## 338

**Add. Chart. 47633.** A duplicate of this notification in the name of Isabel countess of Northampton. (1158-1166.)

Dilecto suo Baldrico archidiacono Leircestrie . 7 uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . I. comitissa Norhantonie . salutem . 7 sinceram dilectionem . Sciatis me in perpetuam elemosinam dedisse ecclesiam de Waltham Ricardo nepoti Stephani clerici de Hechetona . eamque predicto Ricardo presenti carta mea confirmasse . Inde est quod uestram benignitatem exoro in domino . quatinus ipsum Ricardum . in hac mea donatione perpetuo ei collata . attencius foueatis . ea qua decet deuotione protegatis . ea qua oportet sollicitudine in agendis suis assistatis . His testibus domino meo Geruasio Paganello . Fulcone Paganello . Roberto Paganello . Nicholao filio Simonis . Godwino clerico de Neoport . Toma camerario . Hermannno . de Neoport . Benedicto clerico . Johanne camerario . Rogero de Haggeleia . Bernardo de Waltham . Randulfo uenatore . Stephano de Hechetona . Berengario capellano . Simone 7 Stephano de Hechetona . Petro clerico de Paxtona . Roberto paruo . Ernaldo 7 Ricardo clerico de Hechetona . Gregorio clerico de Huntendona .

Foot of charter torn. No seal.

Endorsed : Hec est carta . I. comitisse de Norhamtona . (circa 1200). De presentacione ecclesie de Waltham (fifteenth century).

<sup>1</sup> *decet* repeated in MS.



## 339

**Add. Chart. 47635.** Record by Robert II bishop of Lincoln of his induction into the church of Waltham of Richard *nepos* of Stephen of Ecton at the request and by the presentation of earl Simon, Gervase Painei, and the countess Isabel. (1158-1166.)

. Robertus dei gratia *Lincolniensis* episcopus . uniuersis catholice ecclesie filiis per episcopatum *Lincolniensem* constitutis . salutem . Nouerit presentium uniuersitas ⁊ futurorum posteritas quod petitione ⁊ presentacione Simonis comitis . ⁊ Geruasii Paganelli . ⁊ Isabel comitisse . dilectum filium nostrum Ricardum nepotem Stephani de Hecchetona in personatum ecclesie de Waltham suscepimus . ⁊ susceptum introduximus . Ipsam itaque cum omnibus pertinentiis suis iam dicto Ricardo filio nostro in perpetuam elemosinam assignauimus . assignatam confirmamus . presentisque scripti munimine corroboramus . Valeat sanctitas uestra.

Oval seal of bishop, in a bag.

Endorsed : Introductio ad ecclesiam de Waltam (late fourteenth century).

## 340

**Add. Chart. 47636.** Notification by Robert bishop of Lincoln that Torold priest of Waltham has resigned the *personatus* of that church into his hand, ceded it to Richard *nepos* of Stephen of Ecton, and received it again from Richard subject to a yearly pension of two gold pieces. (1158-1166.)

. Robertus dei gratia *Lincolniensis* episcopus . uniuersis catholice ecclesie filiis . per episcopatum *Lincolniensem* constitutis ⁊ salutem . Uniuersitati uestre duximus insinuandum ⁊ Toroldum de Waltham sacerdotem in manu nostra personatum ecclesie de Waltham refutasse . Ricardo nepoti Stephani de Heccetuna clerico nostro tamquam eiusdem ecclesie persone cedissee . eandemque sub presencia nostra nomine Ricardi possidendam de manu iam dicti Ricardi suscepisse . ⁊ annuam duorum aureorum pensionem promta deuocione subisse . Huius autem pensionis medietatem singulis annis in festo beati Michaelis . supradicto clerico nostro Ricardo cuius dinoscitur nomine possidere non cessabit persolvere . ⁊ aliam infra Pascalis dies solemnitatis . Quod uero cum fidelitatis affectione sepe dicto clerico nostro Ricardo fideliter seruire . fidelis in omnibus existere prenominatam pensionem prenominatius terminis integre soluere debeat ⁊ fidei sue religionem interposuit.

Much decayed, oval seal of bishop, in a bag.

Endorsed : de ecclesia de Waltham (circa 1200).

## 341

Add. Chart. 47637. Grant by Richard bailiff of St. Evroult to Richard *nepos* of Stephen of Ecton, for his wife, of all the tithes of the demesne of Waltham belonging to St. Evroult. (Circa 1160.)

CIROGRA FVM<sup>1</sup>

Nouerint tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Rikardus bailliuis de Sancto Ebrulfo concessi<sup>2</sup> Rikardo nepoti Stefani de Echeturia persone de Waltamia . omnes decimationes de dominio de Waltamia ad ecclesiam nostram pertinentes que prius non reddiderunt nisi .v. solidos omnibus diebus uite sue tenendas quamdiu bene reddiderit . annuatim soluendo .x. solidos . ad festum sancti Johannis babbiste . Hiis testibus . Roberto abate (*sic*) de Pipewelle . Odone monaco de Sancto Ebrulfo . Rogero . monaco de Pipewelle . Ada de Pellinges . magistro Filippo . R. de Euesam.

Over seal, much worn.

Endorsed : hec est carta de decimis de Waltham (circa 1200).

## 342

Add. Chart. 47638. Grant by Ermengard the abbess and the convent of Saint Paul lès Beauvais to Nuneaton priory of the patronage of the church of Waltham. (1186.)

. Ut . E. abbatisse ecclesie beate Marie de Sancto Paulo tociusque conuentus statuta maneant inconcussa ⁊ tam presentibus quam futuris notum fieri uolumus . quatinus prenotata abbatissa . E. totusque conuentus prefate ecclesie . ius patrociniatus ecclesie de Waltham quod ex elemosina Simonis comitis . ⁊ Ysabel uxoris sue possidebant . ⁊ possidere tenebantur . ecclesie *Ethonensi* cuius ecclesie . A. dicta est priorissa ⁊ libere . ⁊ quiete concedunt possidendum . Huius facti testes sunt . E. abbatissa . E. priorissa . Aueline de Poit . Agneis (*sic*) de Ruolio . Aeliz de Credulio . Maria iumelle . Garnerus capellanus . Garnerus de Gohincurt . ⁊ totus conuentus . Hec carta data est ab incarnatione domini . M<sup>o</sup>.C<sup>o</sup>.lxxx<sup>o</sup>vi.<sup>to</sup>.

Fragment of seal.

Endorsed : Carta abbatisse beate Marie de Sancto Paulo super ecclesiam de Waltam (Henry III).

<sup>1</sup> Cut through, not indented.

<sup>2</sup> The last three letters are interlined.

## 343

Add. Chart. 47640. Letter from Gervase Paganel and the countess Isabel his wife to Nicholas abbot of Burton and the judges in the suit of the nuns of Eaton touching the church of Waltham reciting the recent history of that church. (After May, 1188.)

Dilectissimo domino suo ⁊ amico . N. gratia dei abbati de Burtona .  
 ⁊ eisdem qui iudices dominarum de Ethona existunt super ecclesia de  
 Waltham . G. Paganellus . ⁊ uxor eius comitissa . I. salutem . ⁊  
 dilectionem in domino . Rei ueritatem super ecclesia de Waltham  
 benignitati uestre uolumus declarare . Sciatis enim quod . S. comes  
 predictam ecclesiam dominabus de Beauuez donauit sua gratia . Post  
 decessum uero . S. predicti comitis . ego uero cum comitissam in  
 coniugem recepissem . predictam ecclesiam . R. emptori largitus  
 sum . qui eam diebus ⁊ annis postea multis habuit ⁊ possedit .  
 Postea uero requisitus . á prenomato . R. emptore . predictam  
 ecclesiam . R. filio suo dedi ⁊ concessi . Interea quedam concordia  
 inter moniales de Beauuez ⁊ moniales de Ethona facta . est . per  
 quam moniales de Beauuez ius suum quod ibi habuerunt predictis  
 monialibus de Ethona dederunt ⁊ concesserunt . Nos autem in  
 puram ⁊ liberam elemosinam hanc ecclesiam monialibus de Ethona  
 donauimus ⁊ concessimus . ⁊ inde sigilli nostri impositione cum  
 predicta elemosina prescriptis monialibus cartam nostram confirmaui-  
 mus ⁊ roborauimus . Inde . est . quod benignitatem uestram uolumus .  
 esse . exoratum . quatinus pro amore dei ⁊ nostri . curam uestram  
 super iure earum porrigatis . Valete.

Fragments of seal in a bag—on strip.

Endorsed : Hec est carta . G. Paganelli . de Waltham (circa 1200). ex~. .  
 (fifteenth century).

## 344

Add. Chart. 47639. Notification by the abbots of Garendon and Burton of the amicable settlement of the suit between the prioress and convent of Nuneaton and Richard the clerk *nepos* of Stephen of Ecton touching the church of Waltham. (Circa 1190.)

CÝROGRAPHVM<sup>1</sup>

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes littere per-  
 uenerint . de Gerudona ⁊ de Burtona abbates salutem . Nouerit  
 uniuersitas uestra causam que uertebatur inter priorissam ⁊ conuentum

<sup>1</sup> Inverted and cut through, not indented.



de Ethona . 7 R. clericum nepotem Sthephani <sup>1</sup> (*sic*) de Ectona super ecclesia de Waltham nobis a domino papa delegatam . sub hac forma in presentia nostra amicabile compositione sopitam . esse . scilicet quod predictus . R. possidebit ecclesiam de Waltham cum omnibus pertinentiis quam diu uixerit sub annua pensione quatuor solidorum . duobus solidis soluendis infra octauas pasche in cenobio Ethonie . duobus infra octauas sancti Michaelis . 7 de ista pensione fideliter soluenda . 7 de fidelitate fideliter obseruanda . prefatus . R. clericus corporale prestitit sacramentum . 7 quod nulla arte uel dolo machinabitur . quominus prefata pensio ecclesie de Ethona fideliter persoluatur . iurauit etiam quod in nullo ius earum in ecclesia de Waltham diminuet . 7 quod ius earum pro posse suo illesum conseruabit . Priorissa uero 7 conuentus fideliter in uerbo dei promiserunt . quod per se uel per alium nullam de cetero mouebunt ei questionem . quam diu fideliter soluerit predictam pensionem . 7 erga ecclesiam de Ethona fidelis extiterit . His testibus . magistro Ricardo de Gnousale . magistro Rogero de Ristona . Willelmo Duredent . Winfrido de Ethona . Ricardo de Ristona . magistro Willelmo medico . Henrico de Melleburna . 7 magistro Henrico . 7 multis aliis.<sup>2</sup>

Tag for seal, and slit for another tag.

Endorsed : Hoc est cyrographum inter conuentum Ethone 7 R. clericum de ecclesia de Waltham (circa 1200).

## 345

**Add. Chart. 47644.** Confirmation by Gumfrid the chaplain to the nuns of Eaton of the church of Waltham, to hold of him, so long as he shall live, for ten marks yearly. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit . Gumfridus capellanus salutem ⁊ Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me diuini amoris intuitu 7 pro salute anime mée concessisse sanctimonialibus Etone ecclesiam de Waltham cum omnibus eiusdem ecclesie pertinentiis tenendam ad firmam de me quamdiu uixero . reddendo inde mihi annuatim decem marcas argenti ad tres terminos . scilicet ad purificationem beate Marie ⁊ tres marcas 7 quatuor solidos 7 quinque denarios . ad natiuitatem beati Johannis baptiste ⁊ tres marcas 7 quatuor solidos 7 quinque denarios . ad festum beati

<sup>1</sup> There is a compendium over the second *h*.

<sup>2</sup> Add. Chart. 47642 is the counterpart of this agreement. The only variations are the correct spelling *Stephani* (line 1) and the omission of the point after *obseruanda* (line 8). The endorsement reads : Hoc est cirographum inter priorissam de Etone . 7 R. clericum . de ecclesia Waltham . Ex<sup>r</sup>. Fragments of a seal are enclosed in a bag.

Michaelis ⁊ tres marcas ⁊ quatuor solidos ⁊ sex denarios . Sanctimoniales uero prefate ecclesiam prefatam de episcopalibus ⁊ omnibus aliis exactionibus uersus omnes ⁊ contra omnes adquietabunt ⁊ ac si prefatam ecclesiam in usus proprios reduxissent . Ut uero hec mea concessio firma ⁊ stabilis permaneat ⁊ illam fidei mée ⁊ sacramenti interposicione . ⁊ sigilli mei munimine corroborauī . His testibus magistro Rogero officiali *Leicestrensi* . Hugone decano *Leicestrensi* Thoma de Estlega tunc senescallo comitis *Leicestrie* Seiero de Stokes . Alexandro capellano de Sancto Michaelē . Radulfo Costem . Umfrido de Ethona . Heruico de Cotes . Hamone de Atleberga Willelmo Walkelini .

Oval seal in bag : figure in clerical habit facing with uplifted hands.  
+ SIGHĒ GVMFRIDI CAPELLANI.

Counterseal : impression of gem. + SECRETA MEA TEGO.

Endorsed : Hec est carta . G. capellani de ecclesia de Waltam (circa 1200). Vacat (fifteenth century).

## 346

**Add. Chart. 47590.** Grant by Robert fitz Parnell earl of Leicester to Nuneaton priory of six virgates in Wyken near Hinckley in exchange for the land of Bernard of Waltham in Waltham on the Wolds. (After 1186.)

R. comes *Legrecestrie* . filius Roberti comitis . ⁊ *Petronelle* . comitisse omnibus hominibus suis Francis ⁊ Anglis salutem . Noueritis me pro salute anime mee . ⁊ patris mei . ⁊ matris mee . ⁊ omnium antecessorum meorum . ⁊ successorum meorum . concessisse ⁊ dedisse . ⁊ hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie de Etona . ⁊ monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam .vi. uirgatas terre in Wich<sup>1</sup> cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . scilicet cum toftis ⁊ croftis ⁊ cum .xii. acris de prato . in ex-cambium pro terra que fuit Bernardi de Waltham in Waltham . scilicet .ix. bouatis terre in quibus habentur .c. ⁊ .viii. acre terre . ⁊ domo ⁊ gardino iam dicti . Bernardi . ⁊ tota curia eiusdem . Bernardi . ⁊ alibi in eadem uilla pro duobus toftis ⁊ croftis . ⁊ sede unius molendini . ⁊ xxi. acris . ⁊ dimidia de prato . ⁊ xx. solidis estellin-gorum quos predictae moniales de Etona solebant habere de sopis comitisse in *Legrecestria* . Quare uolo ⁊ firmiter precipio . quod sepe dictae moniales de Etona .vi. uirgatas prefatas in Wich<sup>1</sup> habeant ⁊ teneant in perpetuum libere . ⁊ quiete . ⁊ honorifice . cum omnibus

<sup>1</sup> Upon each occurrence of this name, what looks like a final *e* has been erased, and the final *n* of the endorsement looks like an addition.

pertinenciis suis in omnibus locis absque omni seruicio 7 exactione seculari ad me uel heredes meos pertinente ; Hiis testibus . Paulo abbate *Legrecestrie* . Gonfrido capellano . Willelmo capellano . Gilleberto de *Mineriis* . Philippo de Aubigne . Johanne de Albeuia (*sic*) . Roberto Louet . Radulfo de Martinwast . Alano filio Roberti . Oliuero de Aubigne . Roberto de Teurai . Waltero Francensi . Roberto Espirewic . W. Trenchesuelle . Johanne de Sancto Albano . Luca clerico 7 multis aliis ;

Cord and fragment of seal.

Endorsed : Hec est carta de Wiken' <sup>1</sup> (circa 1200).

## 347

**Add. Chart. 47643. Confirmation by Robert Blanchesmains earl of Leicester to Nuneaton priory of grants by Gervase Painel, John of Cranford, and Roger Walensis. (Late Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit : Robertus comes *Leicestrie* salutem . 7 uerum amorem in Christo Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me concessisse 7 hac carta mea confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie de Ethona 7 monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus donationem quam Geruasius Painellus fecit eis . ecclesiam uidelicet de Waltham cum omnibus pertinentiis suis liberam 7 ab omni seculari exactione quietam . Preterea concedo 7 hac carta mea confirmo predictis monialibus in perpetuam elemosinam terram quam Johannes de Cranford dedit eis . uidelicet unam uirgatam terre quam Robertus Wandard tenebat de prefato Johanne . 7 quatuor acras quas idem Johannes dedit predicto Roberto de suo dominio . ad perficiendum redditum dimidie marce iam dictis monialibus annuatim pro omni seruitio reddende . Hanc itaque terram confirmo eis liberam 7 quietam in uis 7 semitis . in pratis . pascuis 7 pasturis . 7 omnibus liberis consuetudinibus ab omni tallia 7 exactione seculari ad me pertinente . Confirmo etiam prefatis monialibus mansuram quandam apud *Leicestriam* quam Rogerus Walensis dedit eis . que mansura est in magno uico iuxta domum Wulfrici prepositi . quam Gillebertus filius Walberti tenuit in burgagio in *Leicestria* . Confirmo etiam eis quandam mansuram extra portam de West que est iuxta domum Leodrici filii Alsii quam Auicia uxor prefati Rogeri dedit secum ecclesie de Ethona . Has autem duas mansuras confirmo eis saluo omni seruicio meo . 7 omnibus consuetudinibus meis ad gildam mercatoriam pertinentibus . Testibus . Petronilla comitissa *Leicestrie* . H. comitissa *Glocestrie* . Willelmo de Britolio . Rogero electo sancti Andree de

<sup>1</sup> See note p. 258.



Scocia . Hugone de Alnoto . Willelmo de campaniis 7 Rogero fratre eius . Rogero de Hume . Hamone de Hototh . Gilleberto de Charneles . Radulfo de Martiwast . Wiberto capellano Waltero capellano . magistro Hugone clerico . 7 multis aliis.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : Hec est confirmatio comitis de ecclesia de Waltham 7 de una uirgata terre . 7 de quibusdam mansuris in Legrecestria (circa 1200).  
Carta comitis *Leycestrie* de diuersis (fifteenth century).

## VI. RUFFORD SERIES

THE only considerable series of twelfth-century charters in public custody relating to Nottinghamshire is derived from the muniments of the Cistercian abbey of Rufford, founded between 1146 and 1148 by Gilbert de Gant, grandson of the Domesday tenant in chief of that name. It is not a long series, and of the charters included in it two are concerned with land in Lincolnshire; but its interest is not to be measured by its length. Nowhere among the texts printed in this book is there better illustration of the part played by the small landholder in the endowment of the monasteries of the twelfth century. The charters by which the sons of Scakel gave or sold land in Eakring to the abbey,<sup>1</sup> the notification by the chapter of Southwell<sup>2</sup> of the gift of four bovates in Kelham by four men who were certainly peasant landholders, and the charters by which Walter and Roger sons of Leofnoth conveyed all their respective lands in Morton by Bothamsall to the abbey,<sup>3</sup> are very valuable evidence of the persistence in these villages of a class of independent peasantry representing the sokemen who were seated there in 1086.<sup>4</sup> With these charters there should be compared the grant by which Wulfsgie son of Wulf of Eakring made a small gift in that village to the abbey at the time when the monks received his son into their guardianship until he should be of full age; a charter which has been published in facsimile by the British Museum.<sup>5</sup> Attention may also be called to the set of charters by which various members of the family of Maurice of Kelham gave parcels of land there; one of these is distinguished by the attestation of Master Waccer, canon of Southwell.<sup>6</sup> As from the writing this document must be placed very close indeed to the year 1200, the attestation may fairly be claimed as the last recorded appearance of Master Vaccarius. A fifteenth-century cartulary of the abbey is preserved in the British Museum,<sup>7</sup> but its workmanship is very bad, and numerous charters which suggest the survival into the twelfth century of the Nottinghamshire sokemen of the eleventh have been gravely distorted by the copyist.

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 350, 352.

<sup>2</sup> No. 358.

<sup>3</sup> Nos. 369, 370.

<sup>4</sup> See Introduction.

<sup>5</sup> Facsimiles of Royal and other charters No. 48.

<sup>6</sup> No. 361.

<sup>7</sup> Harl. MS. 1063.

## 348

**Harl. Chart. 83 E 54.** Grant by Gilbert de Gant to Rufford abbey of all the land which Ralf son of Rainger held of him in Cratela,<sup>1</sup> less a bovate which Geoffrey of Eakring holds of Ralf, namely the land which Ralf rendered to Gilbert in exchange for a carucate in Barton on Humber. (1147-1153.)

G. de Gant . omnibus hominibus suis clericis 7 laicis Francis 7 Anglis salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse deo 7 ecclesię de Ruchford 7 fratribus in ea deo famulantibus in perpetuam elemosinam totam terram quam Radulfus filius Raingeri tenebat de me in Cratela . preter unam bouatam quam Gaufridus de Aichringa tenet de eo . quam totam prefatam terram ipse Radulfus reddidit mihi pro exchange unius carrucatę quam dedi ei in Barton . Hanc donationem feci pro anima mea 7 parentum meorum . 7 uolo ut eam teneant liberam 7 quietam ab omni terreno seruitio 7 consuetudine . sicut aliqua elemosina liberior aut quietior esse potest uel debet . in bosco 7 plano pratis 7 aquis 7 pasturis 7 molendino 7 ceteris omnibus pertinentiis . His testibus . G. abbate de Sancto Laurentio . B. priore de Bredlinton . Alano canonico . W. de Schendelebia . Radulfo filio Gileberti . Willelmo filio Walteri . Roberto filio Hugonis . Saher de Arcelis . Willelmo filio Gileberti . Radulfo de Grainesbi . Aluredo capellano . Andrea filio Hugonis.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6054.]

Endorsed : Gilberti de Gant de Cratele tantummodo (circa 1200).

## 349

**Harl. Chart. 83 E 53.** Confirmation by Gilbert de Gant to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford of all the land in Barton on Humber given by earl Gilbert his grandfather. (Late twelfth century.)

Gillebertus de Gant uniuersis filiis sancte matris ecclesie salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 conce[ssisse 7 hac] presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 monachis de Ruforda pro salute anime męe,<sup>2</sup> 7 patris mei Roberti de Gant, 7 matris męe Gunwar de Gant . 7 omnium antecessorum meorum totam terram quam comes Gillebert dedit eis in territorio de Barton . 7 brueriam cultam 7 incultam in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omnibus terrenis seruiciis per diuisas ibidem designatas . Ab oriente scilicet grangie sue, per diuisas de Bartuna 7 de Baruhe 7 de Brunhum . uersus

<sup>1</sup> In or near Wellow, co. Nottingham, the *Creilege* of D.B. i. 290 b.

<sup>2</sup> The sign represented here by a comma is a diamond shaped stop with a tail appended. It does not occur in any other charter that is printed in this book.



meridiem ⁊ per diuisas de Bartona, ⁊ de Brunhum, ⁊ per brueriam usque locum qui uocatur Tiruelhou, ⁊ de Tiruelhou [in] directum usque ad diuisas de Bondebi, uersus occidentem ⁊ per regiam uiam, ⁊ diuisas de Bondebi ⁊ de Saxebi, uersus aquilonem ⁊ per quandam semitam que uocatur Theuesti que uenit de Feribi ⁊ tendit uersus orientem, ⁊ communionem pasture eiusdem uille . scilicet de Bartona ad sexcentas oues cum ceteris aueriis suis, Ego uero ⁊ heredes mei predictam terram prefatis monachis contra omnes homines inperpetuum warantizabimus, et uolo ⁊ precipio quatinus hanc elemosinam teneant honorifice, libere, ⁊ quiete, sicut aliqua elemosina liberius aut quicuius teneri debet aut potest, His testibus, Nicolao de Stuteuilla, Simone de Kima dapifero, Stephano . de Gant . Philippo de Kima, Simone de Dribi . Johanne de Horrebi, Willelmo de Wilgebi . Gaufrido de Gant, Achario . Ricardo de Braitoft . magistro Waltero de Braitoft, Johanne clerico . Willelmo de Heintona . Fulcomaro de Bartona, Roberto clerico de Bartona ;

No seal nor slit for one. The foot of the charter may have been cut away.  
No endorsement.

## 350

**Harl. Chart. 84 A 24.** Grant by Robert son of Scakel and Herbert his brother to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford of five acres and one rood in Eakring, co. Nottingham, and quitclaim of a bovate in Rufford held by Ougrim their uncle which Robert his son gave to the monks in alms when he became a monk. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus filiis sancte ecclesie Robertus filius Scakel ⁊ Herbertus frater eius salutem . Sciatis nos dedisse ⁊ presenti carta confirmasse deo ⁊ sancte Marie ⁊ monachis de Ruford pro salute anime nostre ⁊ liberorum nostrorum ⁊ omnium antecessorum nostrorum .v. acras terre ⁊ unam perticatam in territorio de Heykering a parte meridiana in Lactunehage contiguas illi culture que fuit Wlsi de Wircnesfeud in perpetuam elemosinam . liberam ⁊ quietam ab omni terreno seruitio quod debetur nobis ⁊ heredibus nostris uel ulli homini . Nos uero ⁊ heredes nostri predictam elemosinam nostram eisdem monachis inperpetuum contra omnes homines warantizabimus . Insuper totum ius nostrum quod habuimus in illa bouata terre quam Ougrim auunculus noster tenuit in Rufordia . ⁊ quam Robertus filius ⁊ heres eius predictis monachis dedit in elemosinam quando factus est monachus . de nobis ⁊ heredibus nostris in perpetuum sine omni calumpnia quietum clamauius . ⁊ hoc totum fideliter inperpetuum tenendum in manu Willelmi monachi de Seympol affidauius . Et quia sigillum non habuimus . sigillum Willelmi de Tulc huic carte nostre appendi

fecimus in testimonium . His testibus . Willelmo de Tulc . Herberto dapifero Henrico Hose de Ægrum . Wioth de Cratella . Roberto filio Arkilli . Willelmo Heli.

Large oval seal : two circles, each filled with reticulation. It is improbable that this seal ever bore a legend.

Endorsed : . Roberti . filii Escachel . 7 Herberti fratris eius (circa 1200).

## 351

**Harl. Chart. 84 A 26.** Grant by Robert Scakel to Fulk son of Roger of an acre of arable in Eakring. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Robertus Scakel dedi 7 concessi 7 hac carta mea confirmaui Folconi filio Rogeri pro homagio 7 seruitio suo . unam acram terre arabilis in territorio de Aikeringa . scilicet . tres seliones meas tendentes a Forewdebec usque ad Schelthweit grif totas integras absque aliquo retenemento . iacentes in Schelthweit . inter terram monachorum de Ruforda . 7 terram que fuit Reingothi . tenendam sibi 7 heredibus suis . libere 7 quiete in feodo . 7 hereditate reddendo inde annuatim mihi 7 heredibus meis unum denarium . in die sancti Michaelis . pro omni seruitio . Et ego Robertus 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus hanc terram . predicto Folconi . 7 heredibus suis uel cui assignauerit excepto religioni . contra omnes homines . Hiis testibus . Normanno capellano . Rannulfo de Kirketon . Johanne filio Galfridi Rogero de la Haia . Ricardo turnur . Simone de Bauilla . Hugone de Barnebi . Willelmo de Buketon . Galfrido filio Reginaldi . Waltero clerico . 7 aliis.

Seal : lys. + SIGIL' ROBE SCACHEL'.

No endorsement.

## 352

**Harl. Chart. 84 A 27.** Sale by Robert Scakel of Eakring to the monks of Rufford of four selions, reckoned as half an acre, in Eakring. (Late twelfth century.)

Notum sit omnibus presentibus 7 futuris quod ego Robertus Scakel de Eichring uendidi monachis de Ruforda dimidiam acram terre in territorio de Eichring scilicet .iiii.<sup>or</sup> seiluns qui reputantur pro dimidia acra que iacet ad caput essart Hugrim de Ruforda ab aquilonali parte . scilicet pro tribus solidis argenti . Hanc autem uendicionem feci eis assensu heredum meorum . Han (*sic*) uero terram ego 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus memoratis monachis contra omnes homines in perpetuum . His testibus . Ricardo de Lesintona . Randulfo de Kirketona . Willelmo de Buketona . Gaufrido de Buketona Iohanne

de Eichring filio Gaufridi . Iohanne filio Hosberti de eadem uilla . Ricardo de Buketona Rogero de Haie . Ricardo le turnur . Willelmo filio Roberti de Eichring.

Seal : apparently a shell. + SIGILL' ROBERTI SCAKL'.

Endorsed : . Roberti Scachel de dimidia acra (contemporary).

## 353

**Harl. Chart. 83 F 17. Grant by William of Hereford to the monks of Rufford of a bovate and a half which were Herbert Scakel's in Eakring. (Late Henry II.)**

Notum sit omnibus qui hanc cartam uiderint uel audierint quod ego Willelmus de Hereforda dedi 7 concessi 7 presenti carta mea confirmaui monachis de Rufforda unam bouatam terre 7 dimidiam in teritorio (*sic*) de Eýcinga . illam scilicet que fuit Hereberti Scakel . cum omnibus pertinentiis 7 libertatibus suis infra uillam 7 extra . tenendam de me 7 heredibus meis in perpetuum . reddendo inde mihi annuatim uel heredibus meis tantum tres solidos . pro omni seruitio . scilicet xii denarios . ad pascha . 7 xii ad penticosten 7 xii ad festum sancti Martini . saluo forinseco . Quod si aliquis nouerit clalumpniam (*sic*) aduersus monachos de predicta terra . Willelmus de Hereford fideliter 7 firmiter stabit cum monachis sine suo dando . His testibus magistro Johanne suppriori de Wirkesop . Bardolfo de Fotipoi . Rogero de Haire . Rogero de Mainil . Johanne de Eýcinga Petro filio eius . Johanne filio Osberti . Radulfo filio Bardolfi de Fotipoi . Waltero barbato de Clipestona.

Tag for seal on which the first twenty-seven words of this charter are written.

Endorsed : . W de Hereford . de .i. bouata 7 dimidia . in Eýcing . (circa 1200).

## 354

**Cott. Chart. xxvi. 18. Grant by Ralf of Hereford to Henry de Weldebof of two bovates and a toft in Eakring. (Henry II.)**

Vniuersis sancte ecclesie filiis Francis 7 Anglis tam presentibus quam futuris . Radulfus de Hereford salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse Henrico de Weldebof 7 heredibus eius duas bouatas terre in uilla de Eigring cum uno tofto . uidelicet illas que fuerunt Rainaldi filii Wiot de Cratela . tenendas de me 7 de heredibus meis in perpetuum feudum 7 hereditatem liberas 7 quietas de omnibus terrenis seruitiis que ad nos pertinent . saluo seruitio



regis . Insuper concessi predicto Henrico toftum quod fuit Hermer . Et hanc terram tenebit predictus Henricus 7 heredes eius solutam 7 quietam in bosco 7 plano . in pratis 7 pasturis 7 omnibus aisiamentis que ad terram illam pertinent . reddendo annuatim mihi 7 heredibus meis duos solidos 7 vi. denarios .xv. denarios ad pentecosten' 7 xv. ad festum sancti Martini . Et hanc terram ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus illi 7 heredibus eius inperpetuum contra omnes homines . His testibus . Hugone . Bardul . Willelmo de Bellaco' . Henrico de Eigring . Rodberto de Aiencurt . Rodberto de Croxtun . Willelmo de Treantun . Hugone de Osmundorp . Wiot de Cratela . Osberto de capella . Rodberto filio Scakel . 7 Herberto fratre eius . Rodberto filio Arkil . Mairen homine Nicolai de Sigillo . Paulino de Kirtlington 7 Ricardo fratre eius . Rainaldo filio decani . Johanne filio Gaufridi . Rodberto filio Wiot.

Tag for seal, with fragments of writing.

Endorsed : Radulfi de Hereford (circa 1200).

## 355

**Harl. Chart. 112 H 7. Grant by Maud daughter of Reginald the dean's son to Richard the chaplain of an acre of arable in Eakring. (Circa 1200.)**

Sciant presentes . & futuri . quod ego Matilda filia Reginaldi filii decani . in uiduitate mea . dedi . & concessi . & hac carta mea confirmaui . Ricardo capellano . & heredibus suis . uel assignatis . pro humagio & seruitio suo . unam acram terre arabilis in territorio de Aikeringa . scilicet . unam selionem in Northcroft . iacentem inter terram Johannis filii Galfridi . & terram Thome dancer . & unam selionem super clif iacentem inter terram Reginaldi . filii Amfridi . & terram que fuit Roberti filii Osgoti . & unam selionem inter uias . tendentem . & iacentem inter terram Willelmi de Kirkebi . & terram Moriue uidue . & unam selionem aput Wetebusc . iacentem inter terram Johannis filii Galfridi . & terram Henrici Leper . tenendam sibi . & heredibus suis . uel assignatis . de me . & de heredibus meis . libere . & quiete . in feudo & hereditate . reddendo inde annuatim mihi & heredibus meis unum denarium infra octabas Pentecusten (*sic*) . pro omni seruitio . Et ego Matilda . & heredes mei . warantizabimus . hanc terram predicto Ricardo . & heredibus suis uel assignatis . atque defendemus contra omnes homines . Hiis testibus . domino Henrico filio Henrici . Nicholao filio Ade . Alano de Wilgebi . Rogero de Heire . Johanne filio Galfridi . Willelmo filio Ailiue . et aliis.

Seal: lys. Legend obliterated.

No early endorsement.

## 356

**Harl. Chart. 83 F 23. Grant by William of Hockerton to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford of one acre of arable in Hockerton, co. Nottingham. (Late Henry II.)**

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie . Willelmus de Hocretona . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie 7 monachis de Ruford . pro salute anime mee 7 uxoris mee . 7 liberorum meorum 7 omnium antecessorum meorum . unam acram terre arabilis in territorio de Hocretona . scilicet . unam acram de illa cultura mea que adiacet culture Johannis le Walur . ab occidentali parte uersus Wdehus . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam de me 7 heredibus meis ab omni terreno seruicio 7 consuetudine . que debentur mihi uel heredibus meis . uel ulli homini . His . testibus . Andrea canonico de Suwella . Gaufrido de Mosters . Thoma capellano . Gaufrido persona . Johanne la Walair . Huberto . Gilberto Wildegris . Gilberto filio Wlsi . Ærnis filio Ricardi .

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6109.]

Endorsed: Willelmus de Hocretona de una acra in obitu suo (circa 1200).

## 357

**Harl. Chart. 83 E 43. Grant by Helias Foliot to the monks of Rufford of two men named Hugh and Suava with their wives and children, and with two and a half bovates in Holme and Beckingham, co. Lincoln. (Before 1184).<sup>1</sup>**

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie . Helyas Foliot salutem . Notum facio uobis quod ego Helyas Foliot concessi 7 dedi monachis de Rufordia duos homines . Hogonem (*sic*) . scilicet . 7 Suaua cum uxoribus 7 liberis suis . 7 duabus bouatis terre 7 medietatem unius . in uilla de Olm<sup>2</sup> 7 Beghingham in perpetuam elemosinam . ita libere 7 quiete ab omni terreno seruitio 7 consuetudine á me 7 heredibus meis . ut nichil omnino pro me uel pro aliquo homine faciant . nisi que pertinent ad propria regis seruitia quod pertinent (*sic*) tantum ad predictas duas bouatas terre 7 medietatem unius . nam pro meo dominio nichil facient . Huius rei testes sunt<sup>3</sup> . Iordanus de Carletun . Radulfus de Carletun . Rodbertus . filius . Henri . Aluredus Walur .

<sup>1</sup> Confirmed by earl Simon of Northampton who died in that year (Harl. MS. 1063. 9 b).

<sup>2</sup> Holme, in or near Beckingham, co. Lincoln, now depopulated. Cf. D. B. i. 355 b.

<sup>3</sup> The names of witnesses are written in a darker ink.

Galfridus filius Radulfi de Hocretun<sup>1</sup> . Willelmus de Chelum . Ricardus de Walesbi.

Seal : animal. + SIG . . . . . : ELIE : FOLIOT.

Endorsed : Helye Foliot de terra de Holm (circa 1200).

## 358

Harl. Chart. 83 D 2. Notification by the chapter of Southwell of the grant by William the clerk, Ralf son of Robert, Robert son of Botild, and Gilbert son of William to St. Mary and the brethren of Rufford of four bovates in Kelham, co. Nottingham. (Circa 1150-1160.)

Capitulum de Suelle omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie . salutem . Notum sit omnibus uobis quod Willelmus clericus . 7 Radulfus filius Roberti . 7 Robertus filius Botilde . 7 Gillebertus filius Willelmi . concesserunt 7 dederunt in presentia nostra deo 7 sancte Marie<sup>2</sup> . 7 fratribus de Rucfordia .iiii.<sup>or</sup> bouetas terre liberas 7 quietas . quas ipsi tenuerunt in Chelum . in perpetuam elemosinam . Hoc autem sciendum est quod ipsi fratres de Rucfordia dabunt per singulos annos Radulfo de Hochertun tantum pro ipsa terra .xvi. denarios . Hanc terram dedit Gaufridus de Stantun fratribus de Rucfordia liberam 7 quietam in perpetuam elemosinam . Huius donationis testes sunt . Radulfus archidiaconus . Thomas presbiter de Sceldford . Engelrannus clericus . Willelmus presbiter de Chelum . Radulfus de Hochertun . Normannus . Gillebertus filius Suaue de Kelu . Malger filius Gilleberti . Seredus . Robertus filius Ernewi . Rogerus Macer . Rogerus Crassus . Thomas . Herbertus . Willelmus capellanus . Hugo de Buchehil . Ricardus clericus de Kalnadatun.

Seal on leather tag. [B. M. Cat. 4058.]

Endorsed : Capitulum de Sudwella de .iiii.<sup>or</sup> bouatis in Chelum que fuerunt . G. de Stantun (circa 1200).

## 359

Harl. Chart. 83 F 44. Grant by Maurice of Kelham to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford of one acre in the *cultura* of Bugge-want and of all his *essart* (*frussura*) in Lingewang of the seneschal's fee in Kelham. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie . Mauricius de Kelum . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie 7 monachis de Ruford . pro salute anime mee 7 uxoris mee . 7 liberorum nostrorum . 7 omnium antecessorum nostrorum . concessione

<sup>1</sup> The initial *H* is interlined.

<sup>2</sup> Written in capitals.



7 bona uoluntate Tecent uxoris mée . 7 Walteri heredis mei unam acram terre in cultura de Buggewant uersus meridiem . 7 frussuram totam quam habui in Lingewang de feudo senecalli (*sic*) in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam de me 7 heredibus meis ab omnibus terrenis seruitiis 7 consuetudinibus que debetur (*sic*) nobis uel heredibus meis . His testibus . Wilhelmo presbitero . Wilhelmo de Tuke . Wilhelmo homine Mauricii . Roberto de Clapewel . Tecet uxore ipsius Mauricii . Waltero filio Fredegesti . Radulfo filio Godewin . Waltero filio Mauricii . 7 multis aliis.

Seal : bird. + SIGILL . . . . CII DE KELVM (badly struck impression).

Endorsed : Carta Mauricii de Kelem (*sic*) de una acra terre (circa 1200).

## 360

Harl. Chart. 83 F 45. Grant by Tecent widow of Maurice of Kelham to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford of an acre in the *cultura* of Buggewant, a contiguous half acre, and the *essart* (*frussura*) called Lingwang. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie . Tecent uidua quondam uxor Mauricii de Kelum salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie 7 monachis de Ruford . pro salute anime mee 7 domini mei Mauricii 7 liberorum nostrorum . 7 omnium antecessorum . unam acram terre . in cultura de Buggewant uersus meridiem . 7 do eis in cressimentum unam dimidiam acram . contiguam predictae acre . 7 frussuram totam que dicitur Lingwang concessione 7 bona uoluntate Wilhelmi filii mei . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam de me 7 heredibus meis ab omnibus terrenis seruitiis 7 consuetudinibus que debentur nobis uel ulli homini . Ego uero 7 heredes mei totam hanc elemosinam predictis monachis contra omnes homines in perpetuum warantizabimus . His testibus . Adam persona de Barnebi . Thoma capellano de Baldertona . Henrico capellano . de Barnebi . Wilhelmo . filio . Mauricii . Henrico de Neuwerce . Radulfo fratre presbiteri de Barnebi . Waltero de Barnebi . Rogero de Barnebi.

Seal : hand holding very ornate lys. + SIGILLUM TISANDE DE . . . . VM.

Endorsed : Tecent . de Kelum (contemporary).

## 361

Harl. Chart. 83 F 47. Confirmation by William son of Maurice of Kelham to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford of an acre in Bugkewang given by his mother when she rendered herself to the monks for burial. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciunt omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Willemus filius

Mauricii de Kelum dedi ⁊ concessi ⁊ presenti carta mea confirmaui deo ⁊ sancte Marie ⁊ monochis (*sic*) de Ruford . pro salute anime mee . ⁊ pro anima patris mei ⁊ matris mee . ⁊ omnium antecessorum meorum unam acram terre in Bugkewang in perpetuam elemosinam liberam ⁊ quietam de me ⁊ heredibus meis ab omnibus terrenis seruitiis . illam scilicet quam mater mea dedit eis quando reddidit se eis ad sepulturam . His testibus . magistro Waccer . Bartholomeo . canonicis de Suwel . Roberto de Muscham . Hugone ⁊ Roberto filiis eius . Gilleberto clerico . Ingeranno capellano . Roberto filio Terri . Helia fratre Roberti de Stretuna . Willelmo pede leun.

Seal: conventionalized animal. +SIGILL WILELMI FILII MA  
..... I DE K.

Endorsed: . W. filii Mauricii de Kelum . (contemporary).

## 362

Harl. Chart. 112 I 30. Grant by Isabel daughter of Ralf son of Gilbert of Kelham to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford of two acres of arable in Kelham. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie Ysabel filia Radulfi filii Gilberti de Kelum salutem . Sciatis me dedisse ⁊ concessisse ⁊ presenti carta confirmasse deo ⁊ sancte Marie ⁊ monachis de Rufforda pro salute anime mee . ⁊ omnium antecessorum . ⁊ liberorum meorum duas acras terre arabilis in teritorio (*sic*) de Kelum sitas ab australi parte de Bukewanga . in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam liberam ⁊ quietam de me ⁊ heredibus meis ab omni terreno seruitio ⁊ consuetudine . Hanc autem donationem feci eis concessu ⁊ bona uoluntate Walteri filii ⁊ heredis mei ceterorumque liberorum meorum . Monachi autem diuine pietatis intuitu <sup>1</sup> dederunt mihi in principio huius donationis .xvi. solidos . His testibus . Ricardo . decano de Marnham <sup>2</sup> . Roberto de Lysurs Wigoto de Muscham . Adam de Muscham filio eius . Rogero de Normantona . Heueio (*sic*) <sup>3</sup> de Sutun . Roberto de Badlee . Henrico de Badlee . Roberto clerico decani . Roberto Cog . Radulfo de Karletona . Henrico . ⁊ Roberto . filiis eius . Roberto de Muscham persona . ⁊ multis aliis.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed: Carta Ysabel de duabus acris in Kelum (circa 1200).

<sup>1</sup> The second *i* is interlined.

<sup>2</sup> The *h* is interlined.

<sup>3</sup> The *i* is interlined.

## 363

**Harl. Chart. 83 F 46.** Confirmation by William son of Maurice of Kelham to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford of all the gifts and liberties granted by Maurice and Tecent his father and mother, Alice and Isabel his aunts, and Gilbert and James the husbands of Alice. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie Willelmus filius Mauricii de Kelum salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me concessisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse . deo 7 sancte Marie 7 monachis de Rufforda pro salute anime mee 7 omnium antecessorum 7 successorum meorum in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam totas donationes 7 libertates quas pater meus Mauricius . 7 mater mea Tecent . 7 matertere mée Aliz 7 Ysabel . 7 Gillebertus 7 Jacobus domini predictae Alicie . eis dederunt in territorio de Kelum per omnia sicut in cartis ipsorum continentur . His testibus Roberto de Muscham . Bartholomeo canonico de Suella . magistro Ricardo de Walesbi . magistro Hugone de Suella . capellano de Hokertona . Hugone decano Suellie . 7 aliis multis

Seal : grotesque animal. + SIGILL WILLELMI FILII MAURICII.

Endorsed : Confirmacio Willelmi filii Mauricii . de Kelum (circa 1200).

## 364

**Harl. Chart. 83 F 49.** Quitclaim by Gilbert of Kelham, in the presence and in the court of his lord Robert of Muskham, to the monks of Rufford of the toft of Fulk called Brunecroft, with confirmation of two and a half acres in Kelham formerly given by Richard Gilbert's brother. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie . Gilebertus de Kelum . salutem . Sciatis quod ego in presencia domini mei Roberti de Muschamp . 7 in curia eius quietum clamaui monachis de Rufforda toftum Fulchonis quod uocatur Brunecroft . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam ab omni calumpnia de me 7 heredibus meis . et sicut carte Hugonis de Muscamp 7 Roberti filii eius per omnia testantur . Insuper concessi eis 7 presenti carta confirmaui . duas acras 7 dimidiam terre arabilis . adiacentes iuxta uiam que ducit ab angulo parci de Muschamp . uersus Karletun . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam de me 7 heredibus meis quam predictam terram Ricardus frater meus prius eis cum corpore suo in elemosinam dedit . 7 carta confirmauit . Hoc autem totum in perpetuum firmiter tenendum ego 7 Radulfus de Karletun affidauimus in manu Roberti de Muschamp domini mei . Monachi uero pro hac donatione 7 concessione dederunt mihi .xv. solidos . Hiis . testibus . Roberto de Muschamp



7 Hugone 7 Roberto filii (*sic*) eius . Rogero Malebranche . Roberto filio eius . Cogor de Karletun . Roberto filio eius . Henrico de Breides-hale . Willelmo le uauasur . Garsillo . Bernardo . Adam filio Alberti.

Large seal: lys. + SIGILL GILEBERTI FIL' FVLCO DE CHELVLM.<sup>1</sup>

Endorsed: Carta Gileberti de Kelum (circa 1200).

## 365

Harl. Chart. 84 A 41. Confirmation by William son of Malger of Staunton to the monks of Rufford of five bovates in Kelham given by Geoffrey of Staunton his grandfather, and of forty acres there given by Malger of Rollestone. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie Willelmus filius Malgeri de Stantun salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse pro salute anime mee 7 omnium antecessorum 7 successorum meorum monachis de Ruford quinque bouatas terre in teritorio (*sic*) de Kelum quas Gaufridus de Stantun auus meus eis dedit 7 carta sua confirmauit liberas 7 quietas ab omnibus terrenis seruiciis 7 consuetudinibus in perpetuam elemosinam Hoc autem sciendum est quod ipsi monachi dabunt pro quinque bouatis terre Willelmo filio Willelmi de Hokertun sexdecim scilicet denarios tantum per singulos annos ad festum sancti Martini . Concedo eciam 7 confirmo illam donacionem quam Malgerus de Rollestun dedit supradictis monachis in teritorio de Kelum quadraginta scilicet acras terre sicut carta prefati Gaufridi aui mei testatur . Ego autem 7 heredes mei has predictas terras cum omnibus pertinenciis suis prefatis monachis contra omnes homines inperpetuum warantizabimus 7 defendemus . His testibus . Henrico de Rollestun . Willelmo clerico de Rollestun . Waltero filio Pagani . Johanne de Finhingley . Petro de Kelum . Henrico de Tuc . Adam de Kelum.

Slit only for seal tag.

No certain endorsement.

## 366

Harl. Chart. 83 F 43. Grant by Richard son of Robert of Kelham to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford of half an acre in Kelham. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie Ricardus filius Roberti . de Kelum . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo

<sup>1</sup> The last seven letters are engraved upon the field.

7 sancte Marie 7 monachis de Rufford pro salute anime mee 7 patris mei 7 omnium antecessorum meorum dimidiam acram terre in Linký-wang in territorio de Kelum . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietams (*sic*) de me 7 heredibus meis in perpetuum ⁊ ab omni seruitio 7 exactione seculari . Monachi autem suscipient corpus meum ad sepulturam sicut fratrem suum . His testibus . Henrico presbitero de Kelum Gilleberto de Kelum . Ricardo filio Teiscant . Roberto filio . W. de Tuc . Ricardo decano de Marnam . Roberto de Lýsurs . Wigot de Muscham . Adam de Muscham . Rogero de Normantona . Herueio de Sutun . Roberto de Badelee . Henrico de Badelee . Roberto clerico decani . Roberto Cog . 7 multis aliis.

Seal: ornate cross. + SIGILL RICARDI FILII . ROBTI DE KLVM.

Endorsed: (1) Carta Ricardi de Kelum de dimidia acra in territorio de Kelum. (2) Carta Ricardi de dimidia acra in Kelum (both early thirteenth century).

• 367

**Harl. Chart. 83 G 55.** Grant by Hugh of Muskham to the monks of Rufford of the land of the fee of Muskham to the west of his park enclosed by the boundaries of the villages of Kelham, Winkburn, and Thorpe, co. Nottingham. (1147-1153.)

Hugo de Muscamp omnibus sanctę matris ecclesię filiis salutem . Notum sit uobis me concessisse 7 dedisse monachis de Ruford in perpetuam elemosinam totam partem terrę de feudo meo de Muscamp que ex occidentali parte parchi mei clauditur . diuisis trium uillarum . scilicet Kelum . Winkeburna . Torpa<sup>1</sup> . liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruitio terreno 7 consuetudine . 7 sedem grangie in parco meo pro salute anime meę . 7 uxoris méę . patris 7 matris meę . filiorum 7 fratrum meorum . 7 omnium parentum nostrorum . Hanc donationem concessu domini Henrici Eboracensis archiepiscopi in presentia ipsius feci ; Teste Roberto Buteuillano archidiacono . Willelmo Wintonie . Rogero macro . Rogero crasso . Nicholao canonico . Toma canonico . Hugone de Gant . Willelmo dapifero . Roberto de Bella Aqua . Radulfo de Hocretun . Henrico filio Wicardi . Roberto fratre . Toma de Muscamp . Ricardo filio Guberti.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6255.]

Endorsed: Hugo de Muscam . magna carta (twelfth century).

<sup>1</sup> Probably Middlethorpe in the parish of Caunton.

## 368

**Harl. Chart. 83 G 17.** Grant by Geoffrey de le Fremunt to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford of the meadow belonging to the bovate which Adam held in Kirton, co. Nottingham. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie Galfridus de Lefremunt salutem Sciatis me dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie 7 monachis de Rufforda pro salute anime mee 7 uxoris mee 7 liberorum nostrorum totum illud pratum quod situm est inter pratum Hudtredi . 7 pratum Willelmi filii Reginaldi . scilicet illud pratum quod fuit de bouata quam Adam tenuit . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam de me 7 heredibus meis ab omnibus terrenis seruiciis 7 consuetudinibus que mihi debentur uel ulli homini 7 sicut aliqua elemosina liberior 7 quietior esse debet . uel potest . His testibus Ricardo persona . Ranulfo de Kyrketona Willelmo 7 Roberto filiis Reginaldi militis . Willelmo Lanceleue . Petro de Lefremunt . Baldewino . Ranulfo filio Galfridi . de Lefremunt Laurentio filio Gilleberti presbiteri Galfrido preposito . 7 multis aliis.

Seal : animal. + SIGILLV . . . . RIDI . . . LE FREMVNT.

Endorsed : Carta Galfridi de Lefremunt de quodam prato in Kyrketona (circa 1200).

## 369

**Cott. Chart. xxvii. 166.** Grant by Walter son of Leuenat of Morton to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford of all his land in Morton near Bothamsall co. Nottingham. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus filiis sancte ecclesie . Walterus filius Leuenat de Mortona salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie de Ruford . 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus pro amore dei 7 salute anime mée 7 omnium antecessorum meorum totam terram meam quam habui in territorio de Mortona cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam de me 7 de heredibus meis ab omni terreno seruitio . excepto seruitio regis 7 dominorum meorum de Bodmeshil . quod si forte aliquis inde calumpniam mouerit ego monachis warantizabo predictam terram contra omnes homines preter dominos meos de Bodmeshil . sicut proprium ius meum . 7 hoc sciendum est . quod monachi dederunt mihi pro hac concessione .xx. solidos . argenti . 7 hoc totum affidaui tenendum in manu . Hugonis Folenfant . 7 quia proprium sigillum non habui . sigillum Hugonis Folenfant . huic carte mée appendi feci in testimonium . His testibus . Ricardo presbitero de Babwrd . Hugone



Folentant . Thoma filio Ricardi . de Babwrd . Radulfo de Norfolc .  
Willelmo de Biningtun.

Seal: device and legend almost obliterated, but different from the seal of Hugh Folentant appended to No. 372 below.

No early endorsement.

## 370

Harl. Chart. 112 B 44. Grant by Roger son of Leuenat of Morton, to take effect after his death, to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford, of all his land of Morton, with immediate grant of two parcels of land in the same place. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie tam presentibus quam futuris Rogerus filius Leuenat de Mortona salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie de Ruford 7 monachis eiusdem loci pro amore dei 7 salute anime mee . 7 uxoris mee . pro anima patris mei 7 matris mee . 7 omnium antecessorum meorum totam terram 7 ius meum de Mortona post obitum meum in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam con[silio] 7 consensu Emme uxoris mee saluo seruicio regis . 7 dominorum meorum de Botmeshil . Et in uita mea dedi predictis monachis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam quandam porcionem terre mee uidelicet illam que est contigua pomerio ipsorum monachorum . simul cum alia porciuncula uidelicet forreria una que est in capite culture ipsorum monachorum absque ullo seruicio in inperpetuum (*sic*) possidendam . His testibus .<sup>1</sup> Ricardo presbitero de Babbeurde . Gaufrido clerico de Mortona . Hugone Folefant . Roberto . de Oinel . Rogero . artifice regis de Clipestune . Osmundo cementario . Gaufrido Rosel . Roberto filio Johannis de Kanertune . 7 quia aliud sigillum non habui . cartam istam cum clauē uxoris mee sigillare feci.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed: *Rogeri de Mortona de terra sua post obitum (circa 1200).*

## 371

Cott. Chart. xxvii. 167. Notification by Gilbert of Morton that he has offered upon the altar of Rufford abbey, together with himself, his whole land of Morton, with the provision that if he should come out of the monastery he will not withdraw this alms. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie tam presentibus quam futuris Gillebertus de Mortun salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie de Ruford 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus pro amore dei 7 salute anime mee 7 omnium antecessorum

<sup>1</sup> The names of the witnesses and the sealing clause at the end are written in a lighter ink.

meorum totam terram meam quam habui in territorio de Mortun cum domibus 7 uirgulto 7 uniuersis eidem terre pertinentibus . insuper quietam clamaui totam calumpniam meam quam habui de aliis terris predicta<sup>1</sup> in Mortuna concessu 7 bona uoluntate domini mei Hugonis de . . retuna . Et sciendum quod hanc terram concedo predictis monachis liberam 7 quietam in perpetuam elemosinam de me 7 de heredibus meis saluo seruitio domini mei Hugonis . 7 hanc donationem bona 7 spontanea uoluntate simul cum me ipso super altare deo 7 sancte Marię obtuli . Quod si quando euenerit quod absit ut de monasterio exeam ubi me deo seruendum deuoueram . hanc elemosinam quam super altare posui nullatenus retraham . Et quia sigillum proprium non habui . sigillum Rogeri de Beuerchote huic cartę meę in testimonium appendi feci . His testibus . Rogero de Beuerchote . Adam de Almetune . Ricardo . filio . Danielis . Leuieth de Clipestune . Hamundo . filio . Ricardi .

Slit only for seal tag.

Traces of endorsement.

## 372

**Harl. Chart. 112 H 34. Grant by Hugh Folenfant son of Asketill of Morton to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford of various lands in Morton.<sup>2</sup> (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie Hugo Folenfant filius Asketilli de Mortona salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie 7 monachis de Rufford . pro salute anime meę 7 omnium parentum meorum in perpetuam elemosinam . in territorio de Mortona . duas acras terre . ad construendas domos suas . Insuper dedi eis in perpetuum feudum quadraginta acras terre iuxta marescum a parte aquilonis . in campo interiori 7 arabili cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . in bosco 7 plano in pastura 7 maresco . in uiis 7 semitis . 7 exitibus 7 ceteris aisiamētis tenendas de me 7 heredibus meis inperpetuum . 7 communionem pasture nominatim ad quadringentas oues cum cetera pecunia . Ipsi uero monachi annuatim reddent mihi 7 heredibus meis pro omni consuetudine . sex solidos . tantum in die ramis palmarum . 7 forense seruicium regis quantum predicte terre pertinet . 7 sciendum est quod ego 7 heredes mei concessimus monachis in perpetuum . feudum 7 hereditatem . totam terram in Mortona in Holm . ex parte aquilonali eiusdem uille que fuit Henrici clerici in campo interiori 7 exteriori . tenendas (*sic*) de nobis in uno tofto 7 crofto 7 ceteris omnibus pertinenciis 7 libertatibus . 7 suis aisiamētis .

<sup>1</sup> Lines are inserted here to show that *in* should precede *predicta*.

<sup>2</sup> Probably Morton by Southwell, co. Nottingham. See Introduction.

Monachi uero pro predicta terra reddent mihi 7 heredibus meis tantum quatuor solidos . annuatim pro omni seruicio 7 consuetudine . ad festum sancti Botulfi . 7 forense seruicium regis facient . quantum pertinet ad dimidiam bouatam terre excepta sexta parte . Ego uero 7 heredes mei totam hanc conuentionem monachis inperpetuum warantizabimus . Monachi uero quando hanc cartam dedi eis dederunt mihi unam equam . 7 uxori mee unam iuuenecam . 7 unam suam . Hiis testibus . Rogero de Beuercote . Rogero cellerario . fratribus . Samsone . Fulcone . Hereberto . Willelmo permentario de Suwella . Ricardo filio ipsius Hugonis . Waltero Suaneshals . Fulcone clerico filio Hugonis predicti.

Oval seal : floriate ornament. + SIGILLVM : HVGONIS : DE FOLEFAVNT.

Endorsed : *Hugonis Folefant* (circa 1200).

## 373

**Harl. Chart. 112 H 28.** Grant by Fulk the smith son of Geoffrey of Nottingham to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford together with Helias his son whom they have received as a monk of a toft in Nottingham. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie . Fulco faber filius Gaufridi de Notham (*sic*) salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 hac carta confirmasse deo . 7 sancte Marie 7 monachis de Ruford cum Helia filio meo quem susceperunt ad monachatum pro salute anime mee 7 uxoris mee . 7 liberorum meorum . 7 omnium antecessorum meorum . concessione 7 bona uoluntate Ricardi . filii . 7 heredis mei . 7 Hawise uxoris mee . totum illud toftum . quod tenet Willelmus . carpentarius . quod iacet inter toftum meum . in quo maneo 7 toftum quod Willelmus filius Radulfi . dedit domui de Semphingham . Hanc elemosinam do . 7 confirmo monachis de Ruford in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omnibus terrenis seruiciis 7 consuetudinibus que debentur regi uel ulli homini . Ego uero 7 heredes mei contra omnes homines inperpetuum hanc elemosinam warantizabimus . Hec donatio facta 7 confirmata est . in portmanmot . Et quia sigillum non habui . rogatu meo huic carte apensum est sigillum magistri Henrici medici . His testibus . Willelmo . diacono filio Radulfi . Ricardo fabro . Ricardo de Warewich . Ricardo filio Acer . Roberto filio Edwini . Bartholomeo filio Ulf kitte . Ricardo filio Hugonis . Brand filio Hildebrand . Ernald mercatore . Alwredo textore.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : De terra Fulconis de Notigham . de topto quod Fuleo filius Roberti . (*sic*) dedit cum Helia filio suo (circa 1200).



## 374

**Harl. Chart. 83 G 36.** Grant by Rannulf of Mattersey to St. Mary and the monks of Rufford of Hugh son of Rannulf of Willoughby by Walesby, co. Nottingham, and his whole issue with all his chattels. (Circa 1200.)

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie Ranulfus de Maresaia salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie 7 monachis de Rufforda pro salute anime mée . 7 pro animabus patris mei . 7 matris mée . 7 omnium antecessorum meorum in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . Hugonem filium Ranulfi de Wilkebi . 7 totam progeniem suam . cum omnibus catallis suis liberos 7 quietos de me 7 heredibus meis inperpetuum . His testibus . magistro Ricardo de Walesbi decano . Rogero de Beuercote . Roberto filio eius . Roberto filio Rogeri de Mareseia . Ricardo de Laxintona . Henrico auunculo eius . Willelmo persona de Alretona . Ranulfo de Kirketona . Gaufrido filio eius . Rogero de Mareseia . Hugone Folefant . Fulcone filio eius . Adam clerico de Suttun Willelmo fratre eius . Alano capellano de Kyrketona . Gilleberto de Karlatona . Noreis de Blida.

Seal : animal . . . GIL . . . . . ES.

Endorsed : (1) Carta Hugonis de Walesbi . (2) Ranulf de Marseya de Hugone de Walesbi (both early thirteenth century).

## VII. STIXWOULD SERIES

OF the thirteen charters included in the brief series which follows, ten are concerned with the estate of Stixwould abbey in Honington, five miles north-east of Grantham, one relates to land in the adjoining village of Sudbrooke by Ancaster, and two deal with property in Wymondham in the extreme north of Leicestershire. Stixwould priory, a house of the Cistercian order, was founded, at latest, in the first years of Stephen's reign;<sup>1</sup> the earliest among the charters of the present series seem to come from the decade 1150-60. The charters are perhaps more interesting for their form than for their subject-matter, in particular, the abnormal drafting of the lists of witnesses in charters 378 to 381 throws valuable light upon the meaning of attestation in the twelfth century. No cartulary of Stixwould priory is known, but many charters of this house are included among the manuscripts at Ford Castle, Northumberland, on which a report was issued by the Historical Manuscripts Commission in 1888.<sup>2</sup>

### 375

**Egerton Charter 427. Confirmation by David de Armenteriis to Stixwould priory of twelve bovates in Honington, co. Lincoln.<sup>3</sup> (Before 1162.)**

Notum sit omnibus hominibus quod ego Dauid de Armenteriis concessi 7 hac carta confirmaui deo 7 beate Marie 7 conuentui de Stikeswald duodecim bouatas terre in Hundigton cum omnibus pertinentiis suis infra uillam et extra . habendas 7 tenendas in perpetuam elemosinam . liberas 7 quietas . ab omnibus placitis et querelis 7 demandis . excepto quod reddent forinsecum seruitium cum uenerit . quantum pertinet ad tantam terram de eodem feodo in eadem uilla . Et si aliquis predictum conuentum inplacitare uoluerit de predicta terra . promisi fideliter coram capitulo sancte Marie Lincolnie . 7 inde fidem meam . 7 Christianitatem in plegium posui . quod ego 7

<sup>1</sup> *V. C. H. Lincoln*, ii. 146.

<sup>2</sup> *Hist. MSS. Comm.*, 11th Report, Part 7. This report, meagre even so far as it goes, does not profess to deal with the whole of the charters in this collection.

<sup>3</sup> This charter is written in a highly individual hand, quite distinct from all other hands represented in the charters in this book.

heredes mei fideliter stabimus cum predicto conuentu contra omnes iniurias. 7 contra omnes homines ad defendendum (*sic*) predictam terram. Et ad hoc fideliter in perpetuum obseruandum ⁊ huic scripto sigillum apposui. Huius rei isti sunt testes. Umfridus subdecanus. Rogerus precentor. magister Siwardus. magister Rogerus. magister Radulfus de Caham. Gerardus. Martinus. nepotes episcopi. Adam clericus magistri Rogeri. Hugo pincerna. Rogerus filius Eils de *Lincolnia*. Henricus 7 Ricardus fratres predicti Dauid de Armenteriis. qui hoc idem ex parte sua concesserunt.

Seal: three swords. + SIGILLVM . . . . DE ARMENTIRS.

Endorsed: Hunyngton (fifteenth century).

## 376

**Egerton Charter 430. Confirmation by Simon earl of Northampton to the nuns of Stixwold, of land which they hold of Robert of Harrowby in Honington. (Circa 1155-1160.)**

Sýmon comes omnibus hominibus suis. Francis 7 Anglis. tam presentibus quam futuris ⁊ salutem. Notum sit uobis me concessisse. 7 hac mea karta confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Sticheswald totam terram quam tenent de Roberto de Herierebi in Hundingtonia que est de meo feodo tenere in bene 7 in pace. 7 quiete. 7 libere. sicuti karta predicti Roberti testatur ⁊ saluo meo seruitio; 7 prohibeo quod non esnamientur pro defectu seruicii Dauid de Armenteres nec heredum suorum pro re aliqua que ad me pertineat. His testibus ⁊ Willelmo de Rothomago dapefero (*sic*). Waltero de Trichingham. Willelmo de Barchewrda. Waltero de Clotona. Roberto filio Brien. Juliano capellano. Andrea de Billingburga. Willelmo de Camera. Radulfo de Pilartona. Hugone clerico;

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6406.]

Endorsed: Sýmon comes (twelfth century). Hunyngton (fifteenth century).

## 377

**Egerton Charter 431. A similar confirmation by Alice countess of Northampton. (Circa 1155-1160.)**

.A. comitissa omnibus hominibus suis. Francis. 7 Anglis. tam presentibus quam futuris ⁊ salutem; Notum sit uobis me concessisse. 7 hac mea charta confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Sticheswald totam terram quam tenent de Roberto de Herierbi in Hundingtuna que est de feodo domini mei comitis Sýmonis. tenere in bene. 7 in pace. 7 quiete. 7 libere; sicuti charta domini mei comitis Sýmonis. testatur; His testibus. Willelmo de Rothomago dapifero. Waltero de Triching-



ham . Willelmo de Barcheuuorda . Waltero de Clotuna . Rodberto filio Brien . Juliano capellano . Andrea de Billingburga . Willelmo de Chamera . Radulfo de Pilardtona . Hugone clerico.

Seal as appended to No. 205. [B. M. Cat.]

Endorsed: Alacia (*sic*) comitissa (twelfth century). Hunyngton (fifteenth century).

## 378

**Egerton Charters 428.** Grant by Alexandria daughter of Ralf Bernard, Maud, Hawis, Beatrice and her husband William, and Anneis, to Stixwould abbey of all their land of Honington and of the right of patronage belonging to them in the church of St. Andrew of Scott Willoughby. (Early Henry II.)

Sciant uniuersi sancte matris ecclesie filii quod ego Alexandria filia Radulfi Bernardi . 7 ego Matildis . 7 ego Hawis . 7 ego Beatrix . 7 ego Willelmus sponsus Beatricis . 7 ego Anneis . concessimus 7 dedimus deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Stikeswalda . 7 conuentui ibidem deo seruienti totam terram nostram de Hundintona in uilla 7 extra uillam cum touftis (*sic*) 7 crouftis (*sic*) . campis . 7 pratis . 7 pasturis . 7 cum omnibus eidem terre pertinentibus in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam . 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruicio . 7 consuetudine . 7 exactione que ad nos uel ad heredes nostros pertinent . Hanc etiam elemosinam warantizabimus 7 defendemus contra omnes homines secundum posse nostrum nos 7 heredes nostri . 7 similiter concessimus . 7 dedimus predicto conuentui quicquid iuris 7 patronatus habuimus in ecclesia sancti Andreę de Wilgebria . 7 hoc fecimus pro salute animarum nostrarum . 7 omnium parentum nostrorum tam uiuorum quam defunctorum . ut simus participes omnium beneficiorum que fiunt uel fient in ecclesia eorum in perpetuum . Huius concessionis 7 donationis nostre isti sunt testes . Picotus archiepiscopi presbiter<sup>1</sup> . Willelmus presbiter de Lundertorp . Thomas de Lundertorp . Eustachius clericus . Adam clericus de Neutona . Dauid miles 7 Hugo fratre (*sic*) eius de Totintona . Roggerus clericus de Horsintona . Jurdanus clericus de Marna . Hugo cementarius de Lincolnia . Geruasius 7 Walterus<sup>2</sup> de Archeseia . cementarii . Ricardus nepos magistri Simonis . Willelmus Scot Alanus de Buchehale<sup>3</sup> . Robertus filius Willelmi de Hicham . Hugo filius Alfredi fratris . Robertus clericus de Stoches . Mauricius<sup>4</sup> de Greibi .

<sup>1</sup> MS. *archipbr.*

<sup>2</sup> Corrected from *Geruasio* 7 *Waltero*.

<sup>3</sup> Presumably for Bucknall near Horsington.

<sup>4</sup> Corrected from *Mauricio*.

7 Aluiua uxor Thome . Eularia uidua . 7 filia eius . uxor Gimpi  
 Chena Ragenilda uxor Ailmeri . Eililda uxor Thome Martel . Ubi  
 autem Beatrix uxor Willelmi Scot fecit hanc concessionem 7 dona-  
 tionem apud Neutona ⁊ hii sunt testes . Willelmus Luuet . 7 uxor  
 sua Dionisia . 7 filius eius Robertus . 7 eius filie Matildis . 7 Leticia .  
 Gillebertus . 7 uxor eius Meisent . 7 filius eius Thomas . Eliseus filius  
 Eudonis . 7 uxor eius Cecilia . *Règinaldus* frater Gilleberti . Willel-  
 mus filius Reginaldi militis . Willelmus presbiter . 7 frater eius  
 Adam . 7 filie eius Antelina . 7 Matildis . Adam 7 mater eius Gun-  
 ware . Robertus clericus de Stoches . Mauricius de Greibi . 7 iterum  
 ubi Agnes fecit hanc concessionem & donationem isti fuerunt pre-  
 sentes 7 in testimonium aduocati . Totus conuentus fratrum 7 sancti-  
 monialium de Stikeswalda . Domnus Picotus archiepiscopi presbiter <sup>1</sup>.  
 Willelmus sacerdos de Lundertorpa . Walterus clericus Barat .  
 Walterus clericus *Beuurret* <sup>2</sup> . Jurdanus clericus de Mar . Petrus miles  
 de Martinewast . Willelmus filius Ernisi de Brentingebi . Alanus  
 messator . Hugo . filius Alfredi fratris . Willelmus Scot . Willelmus  
 Scot *portarius* . Moricius clericus . Robertus filius Willelmi de  
 Hicham . Eularia <sup>3</sup> 7 filia eius Wimarca . Aluiua uxor Thome .  
 Wenne uxor Galfridi . Ragenilda uxor Ailmeri . Eililda uxor Thome  
 Martelli . Quenilda uxor Gimpi.

Oval seal. [B. M. Cat. 6589.]

Endorsed : Alexandrie 7 sororum eius (twelfth century) de patronatu  
 de Wylgeby . Hundyngton (fifteenth century).

## 379

**Egerton Charter 432.** Grant by William of Westby son of Robert  
 of Harrowby to Stixwould priory of twelve bovates in Hon-  
 ington and six selions of arable and three *perticalae* of meadow  
 in Westby. (October 2, 1172.)

Notum sit omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie quod ego Willelmus  
 de Westbi . filius Roberti de Herierbi . concessi 7 dedi ecclesie sancte  
 Marie de Stikeswald . 7 conuentui ibidem deo famulanti .xii. bouatas  
 terre in teritorio (*sic*) Hundingtune . cum toftis . 7 croftis . cum domi-  
 bus . 7 hominibus . pratis . 7 pasturis . 7 cum omnibus pertinentiis suis .  
 in perpetuam elemosinam . 7 liberam 7 quietam ab omnibus seculari-  
 bus seruiciis . 7 consuetudinibus . 7 exactionibus . que ad me pertinent  
 uel ad heredes meos post me . exceptis .iii. solidis 7 .viii. denariis quos  
 mihi 7 heredibus meis in perpetuum dabunt infra tres primos dies

<sup>1</sup> MS. *archipbr.*

<sup>2</sup> MS. *beurret.*

<sup>3</sup> Corrected from *Eularius.*

Rogationum cum aliis tribus solidis . quos dabunt mihi pro duabus bouatis terre quas habent de me ad Westbi . scilicet ut hoc totum insimul sit dimidia marca argenti . 7 conuentus faciet omnia forinseca seruicia pro istis .xii. bouatis terre . Preterea uoluntate 7 consilio Emme sponse mee sex selliones terre in Gáád . 7 tres perticatas prati ad Scalbec . que extenduntur usque ad Calduelsiic in territorio de Westbi . ego Willelmus concessi 7 dedi in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam predicte ecclesie 7 prenominato conuentui . Istamque elemosinam obtuli super altare coram conuentu . sicut liberam possessionem sancte ecclesie pro me 7 sponsa mea . 7 omnibus parentibus nostris . tertia die post festum sancti Michaelis . M.C.lxx.ii. anno . incarnationis domini . scilicet eodem anno quo . H . rex filius Henrici regis . 7 regina sua fuerunt apud Wintoniam coronati . Hec omnia sicut in hac presenti carta scripta sunt ego Willelmus affidauí in manu Roberti clerici de Stoches me 7 heredes meos in perpetuum sine dolo & arte legaliter 7 firmiter warantizare 7 tenere . Huius concessionis 7 donationis . isti sunt testes Tori canonicus . fratres Robertus de Hundingtune . Hugo *carpentarius* . Gudredus . Robertus faber . Robertus clericus de Stoches Willelmus filius Thome . Ricardus . Reginaldus clericus . Et apud Lincolniam isti sunt testes . Ailwin Neet . Walterus nepos Lituini . Romfar filius Hagaman . Gillebertus filius Ailwin . Rogerus clericus de Hemingbi . Norman nepos Agaman . Willelmus<sup>1</sup> clericus de Hirnam . Haudoenus . Helias nepos magistri Simon de Stikeswald .<sup>2</sup> Et ad Hundintun isti sunt uocati in testimonium Robertus sacerdos de Billesfeld . Robertus clericus de Stokas (*sic*) . frater Thomas canonicus . Robertus . Radulfus . Outi . Wluetus . fratres de Stikeswald . Alanus palmarius . Gernagan . Rogerus frater eius . Robertus Brun . Radulfus filius Hugonis . Cezb Ricardus filius Franc . Hugo pistor . Hugo Testard . Robertus de Sumerdebi .

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6102.]

Endorsed : Willelmi militis de Westbi (twelfth century). Hunyngton (fifteenth century).

## 380

**Egerton Charter 433.** Grant by the same to the same of twelve bovates in Honington, with the provision that if the grantor die in lay habit the convent shall receive his body for burial and if he desire to enter religion the convent shall admit him. (October 2, 1172.)<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Corrected from *Willelmo*.

<sup>2</sup> The clause which follows is written in a darker ink than the rest of the charter.

<sup>3</sup> This charter, written in the same hand as the preceding one though in smaller letters, and attested by the same witnesses, was certainly executed at the same time.



Notum sit omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie quod ego Willelmus de Westbi filius Roberti de Herierbi uoluntate 7 consilio patris 7 matris mee concessi 7 dedi deo 7 sancte Marie 7 ecclesie de Stikeswald 7 conuentui ibidem deo famulanti .xii. bouatas terre in teritorio Hundinctune<sup>1</sup> cum toftis 7 croftis cum domibus 7 hominibus . pratis 7 pasturis 7 cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in uilla 7 extra uillam in perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omnibus secularibus seruiciis 7 consuetudinibus 7 exactionibus placitis 7 querelis que ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinent inperpetuum . 7 si ego in seculari habitu mortuus fuero corpus meum suscipient 7 pro me facient plenarium sicut pro uno fratrum suorum obsequium . 7 si ego meam uitam in sanctam religionem mutare 7 cum illis remanere uoluero me suscipient cum .xii. supra dictis bouatis terre 7 cum tanto de meo patrimonio siue in terra siue in reddito siue in utroque quod libenter 7 bono animo in suam congregationem me honorifice suscipient . Hec omnia supradicta ego Willelmus affidaui in manu Roberti clerici de Stokes me 7 heredes meos inperpetuum sine dolo 7 arte 7 malo ingenio legaliter 7 firmiter tenere 7 warantizare contra omnes homines . 7 hoc totum feci pro salute anime mee 7 patris 7 matris mee 7 omnium parentum meorum ut simus participes omnium beneficiorum que fiunt uel fient in ecclesia sua in perpetuum . Huius mee concessionis 7 donationis isti sunt testes Tori canonicus . fratres Robertus de Uncdun (*sic*) Hugo *carpentarius* . Gudredus . Robertus faber . Robertus clericus de Stokes . Willelmus filius Thome . Ricardus Reginaldus clericus . Et apud Lincolniam isti sunt testes Ailwin neet . Walterus nepos Lituini . Romfar filius Agamani Gillebertus filius Ailwin . Rogerus clericus de Hemingbi . Norman nepos Agaman . Willelmus clericus de Hirnam . Haudoenus . Helias nepos magistri Simon de Stikeswald Et ad Hundinctun isti sunt uocati in testimonium Robertus sacerdos de Billesfeld . Robertus clericus de Stokes . frater Thomas canonicus . Robertus . Radulfus . Outi . Wluetus fratres de Stikeswald . Alanus palmarius . Gernagan . Rogerus frater eius . Robertus Brun . Radulfus filius Hogonis . Cezb . Ricardus filius Franc . Hugo pistor . Hugo Testard . Robertus de Sumerdebi.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6103.]

Endorsed: Willelmi filii Roberti de Herierbi (twelfth century). Hunyngton (fifteenth century).

### 381

Egerton Chart. 434. Grant by Alexandria daughter of Ralf Bernard, after the death of Robert of Harrowby her husband

<sup>1</sup> The initial *H* is a later insertion in the same hand.

and William her son, to Stixwould abbey of her whole *mariagium* in Honington, namely twelve bovates, as William her son had formerly granted it by her advice, with promise of further gifts from her patrimony if she shall wish to enter religion in that house. (Circa 1172-1180.)

Notum sit omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Alexandria filia Radulfi Bernardi uoluntate 7 consilio amicorum meorum post mortem sponsi mei Roberti de Herierbi 7 filii mei Willelmi concessi 7 dedi deo 7 sancte Marie 7 ecclesie de Stikeswald 7 conuentui ibidem deo seruienti totum meum mariagium quod habui ad Undinctunne sicut Willelmus meus filius illud ante concesserat 7 dederat mea bona uoluntate 7 consilio scilicet .xii. bouatas terre in territorio Hundinctunne<sup>1</sup> cum toftis 7 croftis cum domibus 7 hominibus pratis 7 pasturis 7 cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in uilla 7 extra uillam in perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omnibus secularibus seruiciis 7 consuetudinibus 7 exactionibus 7 placitis 7 querelis que ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinent 7 si ego Alexandria in seculari habitu mortua fuero predictus conuentus corpus meum suscipiet 7 pro me faciet plenarium sicut pro una sanctimonialium suarum obsequium . 7 si ego meam uitam in sanctam religionem mutare 7 remanere cum eis uoluerio tantum dabo predictae ecclesie de meo patrimonio siue in terra siue in reddito siue in utroque cum .xii. supradictis bouatis terre quod ex debito 7 merito in suam congregationem me honorifice suscipient . Hec omnia sicut in hac presenti carta scripta sunt ego Alexandria affidaui in manu Rogeri filii Rogeri de Strikeswald 7 in manu Aliz matris ipsius Rogeri me 7 heredes meos in perpetuum sine dolo 7 arte 7 malo ingenio legaliter 7 firmiter tenere 7 warantizare contra omnes homines 7 hoc totum feci pro salute anime mee 7 Roberti mariti mei 7 Willelmi filii mei 7 patris 7 matris mee 7 omnium parentum meorum ut simus participes omnium beneficiorum que fiunt uel fient in ecclesia sua in perpetuum . Huius mee concessionis 7 donationis isti sunt testes Thomas . Tori canonici . frater Hugo . frater Gudredus . Willelmus sacerdos de Lundertorp . Ricardus clericus . Walterus clericus filius Heruei piscatoris . Radulfus filius Stephani de Holandia 7 Lecia sponsa sua . Eulalia sponsa Walteri . Henricus filius Walteri de Mundeuilla . Thomas prepositus . Thomas Martellus . Robertus filius Aschetini de Hallestede . Ricardus Baligan . Robertus de Fulebec gener Thome de Stikeswald . Mauricius de Edligtona . Walterus de Archeseia . Robertus filius Willelmi de Hicham . Henricus de Marna . 7 apud Hundinctunie (*sic*) isti sunt aduocati in testimonium . Robertus

<sup>1</sup> The H is an insertion.

sacerdos Alanus diaconus . Robertus de Stocche . Alanus palmarius . Rogerus messer . Hugo cheb Ricardus filius Edi Robertus Brun . Ricardus Barion Galfridus filius Alani clerici . Girnegan . Galfridus le westerne Mahald uxor Alani . Brietiua uxor Ricardi . Gunnild uxor Hugonis cheb . Matilda filia Ricardi . Hawis uxor Roberti Brun . Awis uxor Willelmi . Cecilia filia Roberti sacerdotis.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 6590.]

Endorsed: (1) Alexandrie filię Radulfi Bernardi (twelfth century).  
(2) Hunyngton (fifteenth century).

## 382

**Egerton Charter 435.** Confirmation by Hugh Scot to Stixwould abbey of twelve bovates in Honington given by his aunt Alexandria daughter of Ralf Bernard and William her son. (Late Henry II.)

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Hugo Scot salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie 7 conuentui de Stikeswald duodecim bouatas terre in territorio de Hundingtune cum toftis 7 croftis 7 cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis in uilla 7 extra uillam . quas Willelmus filius Alexandrie 7 ipsa Alexandria mater eiusdem Willelmi scilicet filia Radulfi Bernard dederunt 7 carta sua confirmauerunt predicto conuentui tenendas in perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam ab omnibus secularibus seruitiis 7 consuetudinibus 7 exactionibus que ad me pertinent . uel ad heredes meos 7 excepto forinseco seruitio . 7 exceptis tribus solidis . quos idem conuentus dabit annuatim mihi 7 heredibus meis 7 ad festum sancti Johannis Baptiste . Conuentus uero recipiet corpus meum 7 uxoris mee ad sepulturam . 7 tantum facient pro nobis quantum facient pro uno canonico 7 pro una moniali . 7 ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predictam terram iam dicto conuentui in perpetuum 7 sicut carta Alexandrie matertere mee testatur . His testibus . Godefrido de Luci . Ricardo Britone archidiacono de Couintre . Thoma de Wisseburne . Roberto de Hardre . magistro Philippo de Swina . Michaele Belet . Willelmo Rufo . Radulfo Murdach . Roberto de Witefeld . Nigello filio Alexandri . Willelmo de Fuletebi . Willelmo de Bardenei decano . Ricardo nepote Roberti de Hardre . Hugone de Merle.

Seal: lys. + SIGILVM : HVGONIS . LE CSOT.

Endorsed: . H. Scot de duodecim bouatas (*sic*) terre (twelfth century).  
Hunyngton (fifteenth century).



## 383

**Egerton Charter 429.** Notification by the chapter of Lincoln that in their presence William chaplain of Ralf de Haia has affirmed that he will never prefer any claim to the church of Honington. (Circa 1150-1160.)

Capitulum sancte Marie *Lincolniensis* omnibus fidelibus tam presentibus quam futuris salutem . Controversia inter dominum Symonem magistrum monialium de Stichewald & Willelmum capellanum Radulfi de Heia habita super ecclesia de Unnigtona qualiter in presencia nostra 7 sub nostro testimonio terminata fuerit : huic presenti scripto commendare . 7 scriptum sigillo nostro consignare curauimus . Predictus Willelmus remissa apellacione quam fecerat personatum suum & quicquid iuris in prefata ecclesia se habere dicebat in manum subdecani refutauit 7 in uerbo sacerdotis in eiusdem manum affirmauit . se amplius non moturum ullam calumpniam uel controuersiam super prenominata ecclesia aduersus magistrum Symonem 7 moniales de Stichewald . Ubi autem hoc factum fuit in capitulo nostro presentes fuimus in testimonium uocati Unfridus subdecanus Hamo cancellarius . Wigerus . Siwardus . Willelmus . Dalbi . Willelmus filius Gunteri . Paganus . Gerardus . Willelmus filius Fulconis . Robertus filius Constabularii.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 1786.]

The last witness in brown ink, the rest, like the text of the charter, in black.

Endorsed: Willelmi capellani Radulfi de Haia (twelfth century). Honyngtona ecclesia ibidem. Hunyngton (fifteenth century).

## 384

**Egerton Charter 438.** Quitclaim by Alan the dyer of Lincoln and Robert son of Colgrim to Stixwould priory of seven selions in Honington concerning which the convent had impleaded them. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciunt omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Alanus tinctor *Lincolnie* . 7 ego Robertus filius Colgrimi concessimus 7 quietas clamauius conuentui de Stikeswald septem seliones terre in teritorio (*sic*) de Hundington que iacent ex northe parte thofti Colgrimi de quibus predictus conuentus misit nos in placitum per breue regis . tenendas de nobis reddendo annuatim nobis 7 here[dibus nostris] quatuor denarios scilicet in die pentecosten pro omni seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione . Nos uero pref[dicti] Alanus 7 Robertus w[arantizabimus] predicto conuentui de Stikeswald prefatas septem seliones contra

omnes homines inper[petuum] . . . . . te' ista facta est  
coram militibus in decem wapentachiis apud Hanecastre. Hiis testibus :  
Eu[stachio d]e Ledenham . Hugone Scot . Johanne de Hascebi .  
Nicholao de Hanecastre . Ranulfo de Tuuethorp . Galfrido tunc  
capellano de Hundingtona . Nicholao de Lundethorp

Two seals: (1) lys. . . . ANI TINCT . . . (2) floriate lys. . . .  
colgRIMI.

Endorsed: Alanus tinctor (twelfth century). Hunyngton (fifteenth century).

## 385

**Egerton Charter 505.** Release by Earneta widow of Acard  
*monachus* of Wymondham to Stixwould abbey of her claim by  
reason of dower in the two bovates of Cicily her husband's  
sister in Wymondham, co. Leicester. (Circa 1160.)

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Earneta sponsa Acardi monachi  
de Wimundham salutem . Sciatis me post mortem sponsi mei Akardi  
concessisse 7 hac presenti carta confirmasse 7 quitum clammasse (*sic*)  
deo 7 conuentui sancte Marie de Stikeswald quicquid iuris dicebam  
me habere occasione dotis meę in illis duabus bouatis terre que fuerunt  
Cecilie sororis mariti mei Akardi in territorio de Wimundham 7 hoc  
feci pro salute anime meę 7 mariti mei 7 omnium parentum nostrorum  
ut simus participes 7 omnium beneficiorum predicti conuentus . Huius  
concessionis 7 donationis uel quitancie (*sic*) isti sunt testes Tomas filius  
Bope 7 soror eius Galfridus filius fabri . 7 Inga uxor eius . Durandus  
7 Tomas qui habet sororem suam 7 filia sua Inga 7 Ema uxor  
Hamelini Robertus clericus de Stoke . Tomas canonicus de Stikes-  
wald frater Hugo filius Acmundi Outi fratres de Stikeswald .  
Nicholaus presbiter de Wimundham Willelmus clericus . Robertus de  
Saumur . 7 Hugo filius eius . Willelmus Brun . Alanus de Hunditon .  
Henricus de Hawrthorp.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed: Earnetæ (contemporary). Wymondham (fifteenth century).

## 386

**Egerton Charter 507.** Confirmation by Ralf de Purnelia to Stix-  
would abbey of the virgate of Wymondham, co. Leicester,  
given by William son of Hamelin. (Henry II.)

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Radulfus de Purnelia . salu-  
tem . Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Radulfus  
bona uoluntate concessi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui . dona-  
tionem quam fecit Willelmus filius Hamelini conuentui de Stikeswald .  
scilicet . unam uirgatam terre quam tenuit Willelmus Scatertot cum

tofto 7 crofto 7 omnibus aliis pertinenciis . infra uillam 7 extra solute libere 7 quiete ab omni seculari seruicio . 7 exactione . saluo forinseco seruicio . cum Matilda filia Willelmi de Charneles . sicut carta predicti Willelmi testatur . His testibus . Radulfo . de Purnelei . Radulfo persona de Torp<sup>1</sup> Hugone . de Bussei . Hugone suphlegest . Toma Hascebi . Ricardo Monaco . Willelmo boie . Ricardo . Rundel . Nicolao filio Hamelini Reginaldo . de Torp.<sup>1</sup>

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6281.]

Endorsed : Radulfus de Purneleia (twelfth century). Wymondham (fifteenth century).

## 387

**Egerton Charter 509. Grant by Ralf de Buchetun to Hervey Coleman of a toft and lands in Sudbrooke in Ancaster, co. Lincoln. (Henry II.)**

Notum sit omnibus hominibus tam presentibus quam futuris . Francis 7 Anglis . quod ego Radulfus de Buchetun dedi Herueo Coleman quoddam toftum in Suggebroc quod fuit Buge 7 tofti adimpletionem . scilicet ex parte west uille a Wrangelandes subtus Grenegate . 7 ex parte del ést a Kattehales . 7 de augmento do illi duos selliuns del nort de Daledic . 7 duos seilliuns contra uiuarium de Anecastre . pro suo seruicio 7 pro quodam palefrido 7 quadam marca argenti . illi 7 heredibus suis tenendum de me 7 heredibus meis . solute . libere . 7 quiete . ab omni seculari seruicio ad me pertinenti . reddendo mihi annuatim . unum denarium in die Pentecostes . Hiis testibus<sup>2</sup> . Walclinus de Normentun . Aluredus de Willegebi . Willelmus de Pincheni . Osbertus de Cleipol . Alexandro Burnel . Reginaldus clericus de Fristun . Normannus clericus de Anecastre . Willelmus Russel . Nicolaus filius Godrici . Robertus clericus de Willesford<sup>3</sup> . Ricardus de Kellebi . Nigellus filius Roberti . Rogerus de Hereford . Petrus del húlme . Radulfus filius Gerardi.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5765.]

Endorsed : Ankastre (fifteenth century).

<sup>1</sup> A compendium between *r* and *p*.

<sup>2</sup> The names of the following witnesses are certainly in the nominative.

<sup>3</sup> The exact reading of this name is uncertain, but it must denote Wilsford near Ancaster.



## VIII. SULBY SERIES

THE Northamptonshire abbey indifferently described in early documents as of Welford or of Sulby was founded at some date near the middle of the twelfth century. No cartulary has survived from the records of this house, but a very large collection of its charters is divided between the British Museum and the Public Record Office. Most of them are of thirteenth century or later date, and many of them relate to land in Northamptonshire, and thus fall outside the scope of this book, but there remains a group of sixteen twelfth-century texts which are in place here. Five of them relate to land in Leicestershire; to the villages of Croft, Husbands Bosworth, and Kirby Bellars, and to what earl Robert Blanchesmains describes as the villa of Leicester. The rest of the series includes ten documents concerned with a distant estate in the Isle of Axholme which the abbey received in numerous small parcels from the Mowbrays and their tenants, and an isolated conveyance of a man living on the Montbegon fee in some unnamed village in north Lincolnshire.

### 388

**Add. Chart. 21198.** Grant by Aaleis of Croft to Sulby abbey of a toft in Croft, co. Leicester. (Late twelfth century.)

[Omnibus] sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Ááleis de Craft salutem . Notum sit omnibus [uobis] me assensu 7 concessione heredum meorum dedisse 7 hac mea presenti carta confir[masse] deo 7 sancte Marie 7 conuentui canonicorum de Sulebi unum toftum in uilla [de] Craft . in occidentali parte ecclesie iuxta domum Rodberti le Engleis tenendum de [me] 7 de heredibus meis . in perpetuam elemosinam liberum 7 quietum 7 solutum ab omni seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione ad me 7 ad heredes meos pertinente exceptis duodecim denariis quos predicti canonici reddent michi inde annuatim in natale domini . Hiis testibus . Rodberto filio meo . Radulfo fratre eius . Rodberto de Uerdun . Rogero de Craft . Anegald de Craft . Johanne capellano de Craft . Thoma persona de Turllestona . Stephano nepote Hugonis de Campania . Hugone de Nauesbi . Willelmo de Wimundewold . Widone . 7 Hugone . Amicia de Craft . sorore mea .

Tag only for seal, on which can be read . . *hanne* capellano de Craft . Stephano nepote domini mei Hugonis de Campania.

Endorsed : (1) Aleis de Craft' (contemporary). (2) C. Craft iii (fifteenth century).

## 389

Aug. Off. Misc. Books 54, No. 133. Grant by Walter son of Thomas of Husbands Bosworth to Richard of Naseby of a virgate in Husbands Bosworth, co. Leicester. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Waterus (*sic*) filius Thome de Barespurpe dedi 7 concessi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Ricardo de Nauesbi pro humagio 7 seruitio suo unam uirgatum terre in Bareswurpe cum omnibus pertinentiis suis infra uillam 7 extra . illam . scilicet . quam tenui de feodo Ricardi Bassath . tenendam de me 7 de heredibus meis sibi 7 heredibus suis liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruicio 7 exactione mihi 7 heredibus meis pertinente . redendo (*sic*) inde mihi annuatim 7 heredibus meis .ii. solidos . scilicet . ad festum sancti Johannis Babtiste .xii. denarios . 7 ad festum sancti Martini .xii. denarios . 7 ad natale Domini .iiii. capones . Ego autem Walterus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus totam prenominatam terram predicto Ricardo 7 heredibus suis contra omnes homines . Pro hac concessione 7 confirmatione dedit mihi predictus Ricardus .ii. marcas argenti . Et ut ista mea donatio 7 confirmatio firma sit 7 stabilis . 7 in perpetuum duratura . sigilli mei inpressione illam corroborauimus . Hiis testibus . Roberto capellano de Leicestria . Galfrido capellano domini . Galfrido de Pauili . Jordano del estre . Ricardo domino de Bareswurpe . Willemo de Eltendun . Willemo des mues . Roberto filio Laurencii . Henrico filio Iuonis . Ricardo filio Henrici de Bareswurpe . Alexandro clerico de Bareswurpe . Willemo clerico de Kibwurpe . Wiberto falconario . Ricardo fratre eius . Ada filio Radulfi . Henrico capellano de Nauesbi . Willemo Ruat Roberto bel oste . Hugone de Nauesbi . Yleberdo des mues 7 multis aliis.

No strip nor slit for seal.

No endorsement.

## 390

Add. Chart. 20566. Grant by Hamo Beler to Welford abbey of a bovate in Kirby Bellars, co. Leicester. (In or before 1166.)

Roberto dei gratia Lincolniensi episcopo . 7 omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris . Hamo Beler . salutem . Notum sit uobis omnibus me dedisse 7 concessesse (*sic*) deo 7 sancte Marie 7 abbacie de Welleford libere 7 quiete pro mea 7 meorum salute unam bouatam terre in Kirkebi iuxta Maltunam scilicet de terra quam teneo de Hugone de Rampana . Hanc predictam terram presenti carta confirmo

ut eam teneant inperpetuum<sup>1</sup> absolutam ab omni seruitio seculari tam ad me quam ad heredes meos pertinenti. Testibus Roberto de<sup>2</sup> Buci. R' de Creuequer. Roberto Beler. Angotho clerico.

Tags for two seals: one from which the seal has gone, inscribed 'on horseback', the other bearing a seal; cross. +SIGILLVM HAMONIS BELER.

Endorsed: (1) Hamonis Beler (contemporary). (2) D Kirkeby i (fifteenth century).

## 391

**Add. Chart. 20567. Confirmation of the preceding gift by Hugh de Rampen. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris. Hugo de Rampen salutem. Sciatis me pro amore dei 7 pro salute anime mée 7 antecessorum 7 heredum meorum dedisse 7 concessisse. 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie. 7 abbacie de Welleford 7 canonicis 7 fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus unam bouatam terre in Kirkebi iuxta Meltún. illam scilicet quam Hamun Beler illis prius dederat de feudo meo. in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam. liberam 7 solutam 7 quietam de me 7 de heredibus meis ab omni seruitio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione ad me 7 ad heredes meos pertinente. cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. cum pratis 7 pasturis 7 omnibus aisiamentis infra uillam 7 extra in perpetuum. Hiis testibus. Alardo persona de Neubolt. Thoma presbitero de Hardeberge. Gaufrido filio Herberti. Dauid fratre meo. Radulfo de Rampen. Thoma filio Alani. Dauid de Wathford. Henrico clerico de Stanford. Rinaldo de Welleford. Hugone de Nauesbi. Laurentio de Welleford. Alano Luueth.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6357.]

Endorsed: (1) Hugonis de Rampan (contemporary). (2) D Kyrkeby ii (fifteenth century).

## 392

**Add. Chart. 21354. Grant by Robert Blanchesmaines earl of Leicester to the canons of Sulby of the *masagium* of Oliver, Alard's brother, in Leicester. (Henry II.)**

Robertus comes Leircestrie omnibus hominibus 7 amicis suis Francis 7 Anglis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Sciatis me dedisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 canonicis de Sulebi

<sup>1</sup> MS. *inperpetutuum*, the first *tu* being marked for deletion with a subscript dot.

<sup>2</sup> Interlined.



pro salute anime mee 7 antecessorum meorum . 7 Petronille uxoris  
mée . 7 liberorum meorum . masagium Oliueri fratris Alardi in uilla  
Leircestrie . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . saluo hoc quod  
pertinet ad gildam mercatoriam eiusdem uille de Leircestria . Hiis  
testibus Ernaldo de Bosco . Willelmo de Wituilla . Radulfo Fridai .  
Rogero de Campen . Alano filio Roberti . Ricardo filio Warini .  
magistro Willelmo . Willelmo de Hales . 7 multis aliis.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed: Roberti comitis Leicestrie de masagio Oliueri (twelfth  
century). A. *Leycestria* (fifteenth century).

## 393

**Add. Chart. 20847. Grant by Roger de Molbrai to William de  
Martona of two bovates and nine acres of marsh in Kelfield in  
Axholme. (Early Henry II.)**

Rogerus . de Molbrai omnibus hominibus 7 amicis suis tam presenti-  
bus quam futuris salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac  
presenti cartha (*sic*) confirmasse Willelmo de Martona unam bouetam  
terre in Calkefeld . quam Haldanus tenuit . 7 unam bouetam terre  
quam Godric 7 Wibaldus filius eius tenuerunt . et .ix. acras de  
maresco in directo terre prenominate . et situm unius piscarie  
iuxta illam terram . Hec autem ei concedo 7 dono . sibi 7 heredibus  
suis<sup>1</sup> ad tenendum de me 7 heredibus meis in feudo 7 hereditate .  
reddendo annuatim pro omnibus seruiciis .viii.<sup>to</sup> solidos .iiii.<sup>or</sup> solidos  
ad pasca.<sup>1</sup> 7 .iiii.<sup>or</sup> ad festum sancti Michaelis . Quare uolo atque  
firmiter precipio quatinus idem Willelmus hec predicta teneat bene  
7 in pace . libere 7 quiete atque honorifice . cum omnibus libertatibus  
7 liberis consuetudinibus . in pratis 7 pascuis . in uiiis 7 semitis . in  
bosco 7 plano 7 in omnibus locis . Testibus . hiis . Nigello . de  
Molbrai . Roberto . capellano . Roberto . de Nouilla . Roberto . de  
Boceo . Petro de Bilingeia . Herberto filio Ricardi . Nicolao de Bello<sup>1</sup> .  
Willelmo camerario . Rogero coco . Willelmo de thalamo . Ricardo .  
Malherba.

Fragment of equestrian seal. [B. M. Cat. 6222.]

Endorsed: A Kelkfeld . duplex cum . alia (fifteenth century).

## 394

**Add. Chart. 5870. Confirmation by Roger de Molbrai to Welford  
abbey of the gift of William de Martuna in Kelfield. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Rogerus

<sup>1</sup> A compendium runs through the *l*.

de Molbrai salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac carta mea confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie . 7 abbacie de Welleford donationem quam Willelmus de Martuna illi dedit in Kelkefeld . scilicet terram illam quam de me tenuit . que fuit Godrici 7 Haldani . cum omnibus pertinentiis suis tenendam de me 7 heredibus meis . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam in perpetuum . reddendo annuatim pro omnibus serviciis 7 consuetudinibus mihi uel heredibus meis pertinentibus . octo solidos . Concedo etiam prefate abbacie decem acras de maresco iuxta predictam terram . sicuti carta Willelmi testatur quam inde habet . Hiis testibus . Roberto de Molbrai . Philippo de Mumpincun . Roberto Beler . Willelmo camerario . Willelmo filio eius . Samson Takel . Baldewino clerico . Gaufrido de Brunham . Gaufrido filio eius . Mauricio coco . Ricardo Bruning . Reinaldo preposito de Houstun . Roberto clerico . 7 multis aliis.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : Rogeri de Molbrai (early thirteenth century). A Kelkefeld . duplex cum alia (fifteenth century).

## 395

**Harl. Chart. 53 G 56. Grant by Nigel de Mubrai to the abbey of Welford and the brethren of that house dwelling in the Isle of Axholme of common pasture in the fields of Owston, co. Lincoln, and pasture in Melwood when his animals and those of his men feed there, and licence to keep a mastiff, tied up by day and loose by night. (Late Henry II.)**

Nigellus de Mubrai omnibus hominibus suis Francis 7 Anglis 7 omnibus Christianis salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie 7 abbacie de Welleford . 7 fratribus eiusdem domus in insula commorantibus pro salute anime mee . 7 patris 7 matris mee 7 antecessorum meorum . communem pasturam in campis de Oustuna omnibus animalibus 7 pecoribus 7 ouibus suis . 7 pasturam in Methelwde quando animalia mea et hominum meorum ibi pascentur . Concessi etiam eis licentiam habendi mastionem unum de die ligatum 7 de nocte solutum ad feras siluestres exterrendas . 7 de segete sua minandas inperpetuum . Hiis testibus . Rogero de Aubeini . Roberto de Mubrai . Ricardo de Withuilla . Rogero de Condeio . Radulfo clerico meo . Warino diacono . 7 aliis multis.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : H. Oustona cum alia duplex (fifteenth century).

## 396

**Add. Chart. 21088.** Confirmation by Nigel de Mubrai to Sulby abbey and the brethren of that house dwelling in the Isle of Axholme of common pasture in the fields of Owston, and pasture in Melwood when the animals of his men feed there, with leave to keep one mastiff. (Circa 1180-1190.)

Nigellus de Mubrai omnibus hominibus suis Francis 7 Anglis 7 omnibus Christianis . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie 7 abbacie de Welleford 7 fratribus eiusdem domus in insula commorantibus pro salute anime meé 7 antecessorum 7 heredum meorum communem pasturam in campis de Oustona omnibus animalibus 7 pecoribus 7 ouibus suis . 7 competentem uiam ad eandem pasturam in perpetuum 7 pasturam in Methelwode quando animalia hominum meorum ibi pascentur . Concessi etiam eis licentiam habendi mastionem unum<sup>1</sup> pedibus quarto pede amputato ad feras siluestres exterendas 7 de segete sua minandas . Hiis testibus . Rogero de Aubeni . Roberto de Mubrai . Ricardo de Wiuilla . Rogero de Cundi . Radulfo clerico meo . Warino diacono .

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6217.]

Endorsed : (1) Carta Nigelli de Mubray . 7 .v. alia melior inde habetur . Medelwode (thirteenth century). (2) H. Oustona cum alia duplex iii (fifteenth century).

## 397

**Harl. Chart. 50 B 38.** Grant by Ingeram son of Simon to the canons of Sulby of Rannulf son of William and his heirs with all their chattels. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus Christianis ad quos littere iste peruenerint . Ingeramus filius Sýmonis salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie 7 canonicis de Sulebi pro amore dei (7 pro a)nimabus antecessorum meorum inperpetuum . Ranulfum filium Willelmi 7 heredes eius cum omnibus eorum catallis liberos solutos 7 quietos de me 7 heredibus meis H[iis testibus] . . . . Alano de Parco Lude . 7 fratre Thoma eiusdem domus . Wacelino clerico de Lactona . Willelmo filio Hamonis . Sýmonis (*sic*) filio Wýdonis .

Small seal with illegible device. + SIG . . . . .

Endorsed : Beltona

Oustona

Boterwyk

Scoter

. . . . . et

. . . . . tothes

} quedam uero nomine sine congnomine  
(*sic*) (fourteenth century).

O Natiuus cum iii (fifteenth century).

<sup>1</sup> A deleted word follows *unum*.



## 398

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 49, No. 61.** Grant by Roger de St. Martin son of Robert the elder of Blyborough to the canons of Welford of a meadow lying to the east of their close at Melwood in the Isle of Axholme. (Circa 1200.)

Sciant omnes presentes 7 futuri quod ego Rogerus de Sancto Martino filius Rogeri senioris de Bliburg dedi 7 concessi 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmaui deo 7 sancte Marie 7 canonicis de Welleforda pro salute anime meé 7 antecessorum 7 heredum meorum unum pratum quod iacet in orientali parte clausi eorum apud Methelwude iuxta semitam que tendit ad Kelkefeld . illud scilicet quod Adam ad pontem 7 Thomas filius eius tenuerunt de patre meo . 7 quicquid in illo loco habui sine ullo retinemento in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . 7 ego Rogerus 7 heredes mei hanc prefatam elemosinam de omnibus rebus in omni loco erga omnes homines adquietabimus 7 predictis canonicis warantizabimus imperpetuum . Hiis testibus . Sansone Takel de Brunhom . Roberto filio eius . Galfrido de Brunhom . Radulfo chauuel . Roberto Blanchard . Willelmo filio Urri . Willelmo templario de Oustun.

Slit for seal tag.

Illegible fragment of endorsement.

## 399

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 44, No. 99.** Grant by Geoffrey of Burnham to the canons of Welford of certain parcels of land in Burnham in Axholme, co. Lincoln. (Circa 1200.)

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Galfridus de Brunhom dedi 7 concessi 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmaui deo 7 sancte Marie 7 canonicis de Welleforda totam terram quam habui in Herope 7 iuxta Wete hale sine aliquo retinemento . scilicet spinetam quam Hugo templarius tenuit . 7 duas buttas in alio loco . 7 quatuor buttas in tercio loco iuxta culturam domini Willelmi de Moubrai . pro salute anime mee 7 antecessorum 7 heredum meorum in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . Confirmaui etiam predictis canonicis illam acram terre quam Galfridus pater meus illis dedit in elemosinam prope Wete hale : sicut carta ipsius quam inde habent testatur . 7 ego Galfridus 7 heredes mei hanc predictam elemosinam iam dictis canonicis de omni seruicio 7 consuetudine 7 exactione seculari erga omnes homines in omni loco adquietabimus 7 warantizabimus imperpetuum . Hiis testibus . Radulfo clerico de Epewurda .

Samsone Takel . Roberto filio eius . Roberto filio Baldewini clerici .  
Roberto filio Maurittii coci . Ricardo Takel . Roberto de Welleforda.

Slit only for seal tag.

No endorsement.

## 400

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 39, No. 115. Grant by Geoffrey of Burnham to the canons of Sulby of two selions in Burnham. (Circa 1200.)**

Omnibus Christi fidelibus has literas uisuris uel auditoris : Galfridus de Brunham salutem . Sciatis me karitatis intuitu dedisse ⁊ concessisse ⁊ hac mea presenti carta confirmasse deo ⁊ beate Marie ⁊ canonicis de Solebý in liberam . puram . ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam . tres seliones terre de bouata . quam Galfridus fornout tenuit de me . quarum una selio iacet ad Blesepit . ⁊ due seliones iacent simul super Litlemere fur-long . ⁊ abuttant super foreram Aldelini qui (*sic*) iacet uersus aquilonem Has autem seliones prescriptas ego Galfridus ⁊ heredes mei defendemus ubique ⁊ adquietabimus iam dictis canonicis de omnibus rebus ad terram pertinentibus . ⁊ erga omnes homines ⁊ feminas warantizabimus in perpetuum . Hiis testibus . Roberto Takel filio Sansonis . Gilberto Takel . Roberto le Noreis . Osberto Takel . Thoma de Lunda . Willelmo Dreing . Normanno de Lunda . ⁊ multis aliis.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed: E Brunham cum iii. . . . Brunham xiii<sup>1</sup> (fifteenth century).

## 401

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 41, No. 205. Grant by the same to the same of three selions in Burnham. (Circa 1200.)**

Omnibus has literas uisuris uel auditoris Christi fidelibus presentibus ⁊ futuris : Galfridus de Brunham salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse ⁊ concessisse ⁊ hac mea presenti carta confirmasse deo ⁊ beate Marie ⁊ canonicis de Sulebý pro salute anime mee ⁊ antecessorum ⁊ heredum meorum in liberam . puram . ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam tres seliones terre que iacent iuxta terram quam Ricardus de Burtuna tenuit uersus orientem . ad Hangindhul ⁊ que abbuttant super campum de Epewurd . ⁊ fuerunt de dominico meo . Has autem seliones prenomintas ego Galfridus ⁊ heredes mei warantizabimus predictis canonicis ⁊ domui eorum contra omnes homines ⁊ feminas

<sup>1</sup> Preceded by device.

in perpetuum . Hiis testibus . Roberto Takel . Ricardo Takel . Osberto Takel . Waltero de Brunham . Thoma de Lunda . Normanno de Lund . Wascelino de Brunham . 7 multis aliis.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : E Brunham.

## 402

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 44, No. 26. Grant by Thorald son of Oviet of Owston to the canons of Sulby of the moiety of the toft which he held of Roger de Sancto Martino in Kinnardferry, co. Lincoln. (Circa 1200.)**

Sciant omnes presentes 7 futuri quod ego Thoraldus filius Ouiet de Oustun dedi 7 concessi 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmaui deo 7 beate Marie 7 canonicis de Sulebi medietatem tofti mei quod tenui de Rogero de Sancto Martino in Kinardeferie illam scilicet medietatem que iacet iuxta toftum quod Rogerus flod tenuit totam sine retinemento liberam quietam 7 solutam de me 7 de heredibus meis in perpetuum . Hiis testibus . Henrico de Beltoft . Radulfo chauuel . Henrico filio Willelmi de Oustuna . Willelmo templario . Roberto de Welleforda . Ranulfo de Gunetorp . Roberto clerico de Minstrestuna.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : (1) Kynardeferi<sup>1</sup> .i. (thirteenth century). (2) C. Kynardferi . cum alia (fifteenth century).

## 403

**Harl. Chart. 53 E 14. Grant by Roger de Montebegonis to the canons of Sulby of Simon son of Henry with all his chattels and issue. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus Christianis ad quos littere iste peruenerint : Rogerus de Montebegonis . salutem ; Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 canonicis de Solebi . Symonem filium Henrici cum omnibus catallis suis . 7 cum omni secta sua liberum . solutum 7 quietum de me 7 de heredibus meis sine aliqua reclamacione in perpetuum pro uiginti solidis quos mihi predicti canonici dederunt ; Hiis testibus ; Willelmo Banchard . Johanne Malherbe . Rogero Dowai . Willelmo capellan . Adam coco de Appelbi . Rogero de Wilwebi Thoma de Montebegonis.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6232.]

Endorsed : (1) Sine cognomine (fourteenth century). (2) O Natiuus cum iii (fifteenth century).

<sup>1</sup> Preceded by device.



## IX. MISCELLANEOUS CHARTERS OF MONASTIC PROVENANCE

THE eight series of charters which have been printed above include by far the greater number of the twelfth-century Danelaw charters which can definitely be traced to the archives of some monastery. But the two great London collections also contain many monastic documents of this age which do not so naturally fall into series. Isolated charters and groups of charters have found their way into these collections, and in particular the vast accumulations of the Public Record Office include a considerable number of twelfth-century monastic texts relating to the region with which this book is concerned. Six of them have been printed in the preceding series, eighteen others follow here. Others remain unidentified, for it is certain that the series of Ancient Deeds as yet uncalendared contains texts which would be in place in this book. In the pages which follow these eighteen charters have been arranged in sets, and combined where combination was possible with the sporadic charters of monastic origin preserved in the British Museum. Also under this heading are printed the unpublished fragments of the one series of charters relating to the Danelaw which has so far found an editor. In successive numbers of the *Genealogist* the late Major Pointon printed a fifteenth-century exemplification of a series of charters conferring land upon the priory of Sempringham. In those cases in which the original of a charter entered on the enrolment was included among the Sempringham charters in the British Museum Major Pointon partially collated the enrolment text with the original, and he supplemented his series by an appendix of other Sempringham charters. The remaining twelfth-century texts in this series, six in number, are printed here. Of the other sets which follow the most interesting is the group of six charters from the Leicestershire priory of Langley: the interest of these six documents is such as to make one particularly regret the disappearance of the other early records of this house. Of the longer set which comes from St. Michael's priory at Stamford seven charters out of nine are drawn from the volumes of charters, despoiled of seals, known as the Augmentation Office Miscellaneous Books. These volumes have supplied the three charters relating to the Northampton-

shire priory of Chacombe, one of the six Langley charters, a grant to the abbey of St. Mary de Pré, and the isolated charter which comes from Belvoir priory. From the various series of Ancient Deeds are derived two of the three Monks Kirby charters, two of the six which relate to Langley, and the solitary Mattersey priory charter.<sup>1</sup> Three charters are printed here from the large series of documents in the British Museum relating to Biddlesdon abbey in Buckinghamshire, three others relating to Nun Cotham priory in Lincolnshire are drawn from the same source, which has also supplied two charters concerned with the property of Burwell priory, three others derived respectively from the muniments of Daventry priory in Northamptonshire, Southwick priory in Hampshire, and Welbeck abbey in Nottinghamshire, the foundation charter of Wallingwells priory in the latter county, and a compact group of six charters relating to Owston abbey in Leicestershire. From the Bodeleian Library there has come an isolated agreement respecting tithe at Twycross in Leicestershire in which the distant priory of Thetford had an interest.

#### i. BELVOIR PRIORY

404

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 50, No. 222.** Grant by Peter of Goldington to Belvoir priory of two parts of the tithes of his demesne of Colwick, co. Nottingham.<sup>2</sup> (Henry II.)

Petrus de Goldigtuna . omnibus sancte ecclesie fidelibus / salutes .  
 Notum uobis facio me dedisse ecclesie sancte Marie de Belueeir . 7  
 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus duas partes decimarum domini mei  
 de Colewic ex omnibus rebus de quibus decima dari solet . pro salute  
 anime méé 7 omnium antecessorum 7 parentum meorum in perpetuam  
 elemosinam possidendas . Uolo igitur 7 concedo . ut prefati monachi  
 predictas decimas ab omni seculari seruicio liberas semper habeant 7  
 quietas . Unde 7 meam de his donacionem sigilli mei inpressione con-  
 fir[maui]<sup>3</sup> ut nulli debeat inposterum calumnie subiacerere . Valete .

<sup>1</sup> The series of documents from the records of the Duchy of Lancaster, arranged as Ancient Deeds L and LS, a selection from which is printed later, includes a small number of monastic charters.

<sup>2</sup> Quoted from the Belvoir cartulary in *Hist. MSS. Comm.*, Rutland Report, iv. 132.

<sup>3</sup> Hole in original.

Testibus . Sýmone de Ropp[esl]e . Roberto filio Hugonis . 7 David fratre eius . 7 Ricardo . 7 Willelmo famulis monachorum.<sup>1</sup>

No trace of seal tag nor of any slit for it.

Endorsed: Carta Petri de Goldentune (contemporary) de Colewic (probably contemporary) Carta Petri de Colwyk xxviii (early thirteenth century).

## ii. BIDDLES DON ABBEY

405

**Harl. Chart. 85 G 39.** Grant by Hervey the marshal to Biddlesdon abbey of five virgates in Bitteswell, co. Leicester, at the request of Reinald le futur and Maud his wife, from whom Hervey has bought this land. (Late twelfth century.)

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis.' Hereueius Marescallus in Christo salutem . Nouerit ueneranda sanctitas uestra quod ego Hereueius Marescallus bona uoluntate 7 rogatu Sare uxoris mee concessi 7 dedi deo 7 sancte Marie 7 abbacie de Bethlesdena 7 conuentui eiusdem loci.' .v. uirgatas terre in Buthmeswelle in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam.' tenendas de me 7 successoribus meis libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice imperpetuum cum omnibus pertinentiis suis 7 libertatibus 7 eisamentis ad eandem terram pertinentibus . Hanc autem donationem ego Hereueius feci predictae ecclesie pro salute anime mée 7 Sare uxoris mée . 7 pro salute anime Roberti comitis Legrecestrie 7 omnium heredum suorum 7 antecessorum . Et notandum quod ego predictam terram emi de catallo meo a Reinaldo le futur 7 Matilde uxore eius dans eis pro predicta terra quinquaginta solidos sterelingorum . Reinaldus 7 Matildis uxor eius me intentissime rogabant quatinus eam terram ab illis emerem ea conditione ut bona uoluntate ipsorum.' illam darem imperpetuum (*sic*) elemosinam predictae abbacie de Bethlesdena . Hiis testibus<sup>2</sup> Hernald de Bosco . Roberto de Bosco . Thomas le truhan . Gillebertus le mirie . Paganus . filius eius . Robertus de Boues . Willelmus filius Holdebert . Radulfus richedix ;

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed: Heruei Marscal . . . uirgatis terre in Butimeswelle (same hand as text).

<sup>1</sup> The whole attestation clause is evidently an afterthought. The words *famulis monachorum* are added above the line.

<sup>2</sup> The only witnesses whose case is certain are Thomas le truhan and Pagan.



## 406

**Harl. Chart. 85 E 30. Quitclaim by Reginald le futur and Maud his wife to Biddlesdon abbey of all their land of Bitteswell, co. Leicester. (Late twelfth century.)**

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie Reginaldus le futur 7 Matildis uxor eius salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra . quod ego . R. 7 M. uxor mea que fuit filia Rogeri des Wez filii Baldwini de Shernesford dedimus 7 quietum clammauimus deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Bethlesdena 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus totam terram nostram de Behtmeswelle 7 quicquid iuris in eadem uilla habuimus Quare uolumus 7 presenti carta confirmamus ut predicti monachi habeant 7 teneant prefatam terram cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in pratis 7 pasturis uiis 7 semitis infra uillam 7 extra liberam 7 quietam in puram et perpetuam elemosinam de nobis 7 heredibus nostris pro salute antecessorum nostrorum 7 nostra 7 liberorum nostrorum . Monachi uero dederunt mihi de substancia domus sue tres marcas argenti . 7 Matildi uxori mee dederunt decem solidos ad unum warnementum emendum . Nos uero 7 heredes nostri warentizabimus (*sic*) eis prefatam terram in omnibus locis 7 contra omnes homines . Hiis . testibus . Hernaldo de Bosco . Roberto . de Bosco . Thoma . le truan . Gilleberto . le mirie . Paganus filius<sup>1</sup> eius Robertus . de Boues . Willelmus filius Holdebert.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : Reginaldi le Butur . 7 Matillidis uxoris sue de terra de Buthmeswella (twelfth century).

## 407

**Harl. Chart. 86 C 40. Grant by Maud of Houghton to the monks of Biddlesdon of her whole salt rent of Holland and a virgate in Little Houghton, co. Northampton. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus filiis matris ecclesie . Matildis de . Hoctuna . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse . 7 hac carta confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie de . Behtlesdenia 7 monachis ibidem seruientibus deo . pro salute anime mee . 7 . Roberti . Grimbold domini mei . 7 anime Pagani patris mei . 7 Adeliz de Raimis matris mee . 7 Willelmi aui mei . 7 omnium amicorum 7 parentum meorum tam uiuorum quam defunctorum . totum redditum salis mei . de . Hoilande . cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . 7 quicquid ibi est de feudo meo . 7 unam uirgatam terre in . Hoctona . in perpetuam elemosinam . libere 7

<sup>1</sup> Certainly in nominative.

quiete . ab omni seculari seruitio 7 consuetudine . Hoc uero feci  
 peticione 7 concessione 7 bona uoluntate . Simonis heredis mei 7  
 ceterorum heredum meorum . Predicti uero monachi in recompensa-  
 cione huius elemosine dederunt mihi anulum unum aureum . 7 Simoni  
 heredi meo unum cazorium . insuper 7 susceperunt animam Roberti  
 domini mei . 7 animam Pagani . patris mei . 7 Adeliz matris mee . 7  
 Willelmi aui mei . in beneficiis 7 in obsequiis que fiunt in domo sua .  
 7 in toto ordine suo . 7 pro me post obitum meum facient . sicut pro  
 uno monacho inperpetuum . Testibus . Ernaldo de . Bosco . Willelmo .  
 Burdeht . Roberto Foliot . Simone . filio Petri . Willelmo Grimbald  
 Hugone . Grimbald . Willelmo de Plumtuna . Ricardo . de . Westona .  
 Willelmo de . Charneles . Philippo de Diue .

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 6663.]

Endorsed : Houghton . De toto reditu salis de Hoilonde cum omnibus  
 pertinenciis et quicquid ibi est de feudo meo et de una virgata terre  
 Matildis de Houghtona (in hand of the fifteenth-century Biddlesdon  
 cartulary : Harl. MS. 1714). xxii (in red).

Matildidis de Hochtona de i uirgata tre 7 de salina (thirteenth century).

### iii. BURWELL PRIORY

408

Harl. Chart. 51 D 20. Confirmation by Robert de Haia to the  
 monks of la Sauve Majeure dwelling at Burwell of all the gifts  
 of his ancestors, with a grant of two bovates, one acre, and  
 one rood, in Authorpe, co. Lincoln. (Late Henry II.)

Uniuersis ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris Robertus de Haia  
 salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac carta mea confirmasse deo 7  
 monasterio sancte Marie Silue Maioris 7 monachis apud Burewellam  
 commorantibus omnes donationes antecessorum meorum sicut carte .  
 R. aui mei 7 R. de Haia patris mei testantur . scilicet in ecclesiis 7 decimis  
 in bosco 7 plano in pascuis cum omnibus libertatibus 7 aisiamentis infra  
 uillam 7 extra sicut umquam plenius 7 liberius tenuerunt . 7 insuper  
 duas bouetas terre de dono meo proprio quas eis dedi in campis de  
 Haghetorp pro salute mea 7 antecessorum meorum in puram 7 per-  
 petuam elemosinam 7 unam acram terre in cultura mea de Thingstede  
 iuxta terram monachorum apud grif<sup>1</sup> . in (esc)ambium illius acre  
 terre de Haghetorp quam ammiserunt (*sic*) per calumpniam . S. de  
 Clacthorp . 7 unam percatam terre iuxta pomerium monachorum de  
 cultura mea ab angulo predicti pomerii usque ad fossatam (*sic*) Godrici  
 filii Hugonis . His testibus . Achardo abbate de Berlinges . Roberto

<sup>1</sup> The surface of the charter is decayed, 7 this word is not quite certain.

canonico . Roberto sacerdote . Willelmo de Mu(k)etona . Thoma de Muketona . Willelmo de Sureuilla . Radulfo de Sancto Germano . Herberto clerico . Lucas (*sic*) de Burewel . Galfrido le danais.

Seal :<sup>1</sup> sun with thirteen rays. + SIG . . . . . IA.

Endorsed : . R de Haia de Tingestede (Henry III). Burwella (fourteenth century). Confirmatio de Burwell 7 Agthorp (early fifteenth century).

## 409

Harl. Chart. 44 B 38. Demise by Bernard the prior and the brethren of Burwell to the monks of Louth Park of four acres in the meadows of Scupholme, co. Lincoln. (Late Henry II.)

CYROGRAPHVM<sup>2</sup>

Sciant omnes legentes 7 audientes literas has quod Bernardus prior 7 fratres de Burewelle dimiserunt monachis de parcho Lude quatuor acras prati quas habuerunt ex west parte in pratis de Scupeholm prope bercariam eorum . inperpetuum possidendas pro quatuordecim denariis annuatim reddendis ad festum sancti Michaelis . Hoc pratum warantizabunt fratres de Burewelle predictis monachis contra omnes homines . Hus (*sic*) rei testes sunt . Willelmus clericus de Muketun . Eudo de Helekheluue . Simon de Muketun . Walterus de Muketun . Burekardus de Burewelle.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 3577.]

Traces of endorsement ? de parcho Lude.

## iv. CHACOMBE PRIORY

## 410

Aug. Off. Misc. Books 32, No. 62. Grant by Hugh Ralf le Bret to Chacombe priory of two virgates and a bovat and a half in Rotherby, co. Leicester. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Radulfus le [Bret] salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie apostolorum Petri 7 Pauli de Chaucumbe 7 canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus cum corpore meo in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . duas uirgatas terre 7 unam bouatam 7 dimidiam in Rederbi . scilicet uirgatam quam Petrus tenuit cum tofto 7 crofto 7 omnibus pertinentiis . 7 alteram uirgatam quam Willelmus cocus .

<sup>1</sup> *Rober* is written on the seal tag.

<sup>2</sup> Cut through, but not indented.



7 Robertus filius Quenild tenuerunt . cum toftis 7 croftis 7 omnibus pertinentiis . unam bouatam 7 dimidiam quam Willelmus faber tenuit cum omnibus pertinentiis . libere 7 quiete ex omnibus actionibus . 7 ex omni seculari seruitio quod ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinet . saluo forensi ad prescriptam terram pertinente . Hanc siquidem predictam terram heredes mei warantizabunt prenominate ecclesie in perpetuum contra omnes homines . Si uero illam warantizare non poterunt facient ei escambium ad ualentiam in eadem uilla in instanti . Quicunque prefatam donationem inuiolauerit uel uiolare temptauerit 7 indignationem dei 7 apostolorum 7 omnium sanctorum 7 maledictionem meam incurrat . Hiis testibus . Hugone . de Chaucumb . Wilhelmo . de Perer . Wilhelmo . filio Hernis . Johanne . de Chaueni . Johanne capellano de Daubi . Milone . capellano . Hugone de Seis . Ricardo . clerico de Bereford . Ricardo clerico de Chaucumbe . 7 multis aliis.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : Radulfi le Bret (twelfth century). Retherby (fifteenth century).

411

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 39, No. 72. Grant by Ralf of Thorpe to Chacombe priory of two virgates in Thorpe Satchville, co. Leicester. (Late twelfth century.)**

Notum sit omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris me Radulfum de Torp dedisse 7 concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie apostolorum Petri 7 Pauli de Chaucombe . 7 canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus duas uirgatas terre cum pertinentiis in Torp . illas scilicet quas Ricardus filius Anketil tenuit de me cum predicto Ricardo 7 tota sequela sua . 7 toto seruitio quod mihi debebat . Habendas 7 tenendas in perpetuam elemosinam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis 7 libertatibus 7 liberis consuetudinibus de me 7 heredibus meis . libere 7 quiete reddendo inde annuatim michi 7 heredibus meis .vi. denarios . scilicet ad pascham . pro omni seruitio 7 exactione ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinente saluo seruitio forinseco . Et pro hac donatione mea 7 confirmatione dederunt mihi predicti canonici de bonis predice domus quatuor marcas argenti . Hiis testibus Hugone de Chaucombe . Stephano de Sedgrauae . Wilhelmo de Pirer . Wilhelmo de Seineuilla . Roberto de Tuifforda . Alano de Houbi . Elia de Ringesdona . Hugone de Pirer . Galfrido Pecche . Thoma clerico de Quenintona . 7 multis aliis.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : Radulfi de Torp (twelfth century).

## 412

Aug. Off. Misc. Books 49, No. 69. Grant by William son of Michael of Rotherby to Chacombe priory of two acres of arable in Rotherby, co. Leicester. (Circa 1200.)

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit : Willelmus filius Michaelis de Redrebi salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me caritatis intuitu 7 pro salute anime mee 7 Matildis sponse mee . 7 pro animabus antecessorum 7 successorum nostrorum dedisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 ecclesie beatorum apostolorum Petri 7 Pauli de Chaucumbe 7 canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus 7 seruituris . in liberam 7 puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam duas acras terre arabiles in uilla de Redrebi . scilicet in uno campo apud Frisebi dimidiam acram in Thingou 7 in eodem campo aliam dimidiam acram in Toftessike . 7 in altero campo unam acram super Bretthou . Habendas 7 tenendas de me 7 de heredibus meis in perpetuum liberas 7 quietas ab omni seruitio seculari 7 exactione . sicut unquam ulla elemosina melius 7 liberius dari potest . Et ego 7 heredes mei predictas duas acras predictis canonicis contra omnes homines warantizabimus . Et ut hec donatio mea 7 elemosina rata sit 7 stabilis : presentem cartam sigilli mei appositione roborauimus . Hiis testibus . Roberto de Chaucumbe . Willelmo de Chaucumbe . Radulfo Beler . Roberto le Bret . Radulfo de Torp . Roberto le duc . Gileberto de Torp . et multis aliis.

Endorsed : De duabus acris in Rederbi (early thirteenth century).

## v. DAVENTRY PRIORY

## 413

Cott. Chart. xxv. 23. Grant by Walter son of Robert to Daventry priory of the church of Keddington, co. Lincoln. (Henry II.)

Walterus filius Roberti omnibus hominibus 7 amicis suis 7 uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis : salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse deo 7 sancte Marie de Karitate . 7 ecclesie sancti Augustini de Dauintre 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus ecclesiam de Chedintune . cum omnibus appendiciis 7 pertinentiis suis . in liberam . puram . 7 perpetuam elemosinam . pro animabus patris 7 matris mée . 7 Matildis de Luci uxoris mée iam defuncte 7 pro salute anime mée . 7 Matildis de Bohun uxoris mée . 7 liberorum . 7 omnium meorum tam . uiuorum quam mortuorum Qua propter uolo 7 firmiter precipio quatinus prefata ecclesia de Dauinte (*sic*) 7 monachi memoratam ecclesiam de Kedintune . libere . quiete . 7 honorifice teneant . 7 iure perpetuo

pacifice per omnia possideant . Et ut hec mea donacio rata sit . 7 stabilis : carte mee auctoritate eam munio . corroboro . 7 confirmo . Testibus Herberto priore de sancto Neoto . Simone priore de Belweir . Gileberto Foliot dapifero . Matheo pincerna Henrico Johold . Willelmo de Dauintræ . Tebaldo paste.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : Walterus de Chedintona . Walterus filius Roberti (Henry III). V (fifteenth century). Entered in the Daventry Cartulary. Cott. Claud xii. fo. 6 b with the marginal note .C. .V.

## vi. LANGLEY PRIORY

414

Cott. Chart. v. 49. Notification of the grant by Stephen de Curzun to Thomas his brother of a burgage in Tutbury, co. Stafford, in exchange for a virgate in Diseworth, co. Leicesters, which Stephen has given to the nuns of Langley. (Late Henry II.)

Vniuersis sancte ecclesie filiis Stephanus de Curzun salutem . Sciatis *husmodi (sic)* escambium factum esse inter me 7 Thomam fratrem meum . quod ego concessi ei 7 heredibus eius burgagium quod fuit Radulfi filii Durandi in Stutesburia tenendum de me 7 heredibus meis pro duobus caponibus per annum pro omni seruitio ad me 7 heredes meos pertinenti . 7 predicto Thome reddidi cartam Willelmi comitis de Ferariis 7 cartam predicti Radulfi filii Durandi quas inde habui . Et predictus Thomas dedit mihi 7 heredibus meis in escambium unam uirgatam terre in Digaðeswrð . que non fuit de dote uxoris eius scilicet quam tenuerat Godeuin Suengel iuxta brocam . cum tofta illius uirgate 7 pratis 7 pascuis 7 omnibus pertinentiis liberam 7 quietam ab omnibus seruitiis saluis forensibus seruitiis ad regem 7 comitem pertinentibus . Ego uero eandem uirgatam terre cum predicta libertate 7 pertinentiis omnibus dedi 7 hac carta mea confirmaui deo 7 sancte Marie 7 monialibus de Langeleia pro salute anime mée 7 heredum 7 antecessorum meorum in liberam 7 puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam cum Sarra 7 Matilde filiabus meis . Moniales uero facient predictum forense seruitium prenominato Thome fratri meo 7 heredibus eius : 7 Thomas 7 heredes eius mihi 7 heredibus meis . Et ego 7 heredes mei predictam terram cum libertate prenominata 7 pertinentiis : monialibus warantzabimus . Si uero eam warantzare non poterimus : escambium eis ad ualentiam in Digðeswrthia dabimus . Testibus his . Thomas (*sic*) de Curcun . Thoma dispensatore . Willelmo Pantulf . 7 Rogero . 7 Philippo fratribus eius .



Geraummo de Curcun . Widone de Mortuo mari . Walone clerico de Scepesefda.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5871.]

Endorsed : Stephani de Curcun (twelfth century).

## 415

**Cott. Chart. v. 62.** Grant by William Pantul to Langley priory of the churches of Somerby and Little Dalby, co. Leicester. (Henry II.)

Willelmus Pantul omnibus amicis 7 hominibus suis clericis 7 laicis tam futuris quam presentibus 7 Anglis 7 Francis salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie beate Marie de Langueleia . 7 moniales ibidem deo seruientibus pro anima mea 7 omnium parentum 7 amicorum meorum in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . ecclesiam de Sumerdebi 7 unam uirgatam terre cum tofta . 7 crofta 7 omnibus aliis pertinentiis . set 7 ecclesiam de Dalbi cum .vi. bouatis terre 7 tofta cum omnibus suis pertinentiis . quam elemosinam ego 7 heredes mei predictis monialibus warantizabimus 7 defensores astabimus inperpetuum . Ecclesiam uero de Dalbi recipient prefate moniales post decessum Hugonis de Tanei cum omnibus suis pertinentiis . Hiis testibus . Roberto de Stuteuilla . Rogero 7 Johanne de Stuteuilla . Baldrico de Cothingham . Berardo de Cothingham . Rogero de Riuaria . Radulfo de Boscheruilla . Willelmo presbitero de Rueleia . Turstino capellano de Cothingham . Willelmo Britone . Ricardo filio Girardi . Rogero de Betun . 7 multis aliis.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6276.]

Endorsed : Carta Willelmi Pantul, repeated (contemporary).

## 416

**Ancient Deeds D 3390.** Grant by William earl Ferrars to Langley priory of a virgate in Somerby, co. Leicester. (Late Henry II.)

Willelmus comes de Ferrariis omnibus hominibus Francis 7 Anglicis . tam futuris quam presentibus salutem . Sciatis homnes (*sic*) me dedisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse ecclesie sancte Marie de Langelee . 7 sanctimonialibus eiusdem loci in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . unam uirgatam terre in Sumerdebi . solutam 7 quietam ab omni seruicio seculari . ad me pertinente . tam de scuagio quam de ceteris seruiciis ad me pertinentibus saluo in omnibus 7 per omnia seruicio domini regis . His testibus . Roberto de Ferrariis fratre comitis . Stephano de Curzun . Luciano tunc dapifero . Hugone de Therendum .

Willelmo Mauuesin Henrico 7 Roberto filiis comitis . Herberto de Duffelda . Henrico de Stantun . Ieronimus (*sic*)<sup>1</sup> de Curzun Rogero de Sancto Petro . 7 multis aliis.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : Willelmi comitis . de terra de Sumerdebi (contemporary).

## 417

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 51, No. 198. Grant by Richard son of Gervase of Wiverton to the nuns of Langley of five bovates in Willoughby on the Wolds, co. Nottingham. (Henry II.)**

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris . Ricardus filius Geruasii de Wiuertona . salutem . Sciatis quod ego concessu 7 consilio Idonée uxoris mee 7 heredum meorum dedi 7 concessi 7 hac mea carta confirmaui deo 7 sancte Marie 7 monialibus de Langeleia . pro salute anime mee 7 anime uxoris mee 7 animarum infantum nostrorum . patrum 7 matrum . parentum 7 amicorum 7 dominorum tam predecessorum quam successorum . cum matre mea Margareta 7 filia mea Aalina quinque bouatas terre in Wilehebia in perpetuam elemosinam liberas 7 quietas a seruiciis que currunt per carrucatas terre . 7 ab omni seculari seruicio . Scilicet illas duas quas Ulfketel tenuit cum ipso Ulfketel 7 suis . cum tofta 7 crofta sicut ipse Ulfketel tenuit . 7 illas duas quas Robertus filius Frani tenuit cum ipso Roberto 7 suis . cum tofta 7 crofta sicut ipse Robertus tenuit . 7 illam bouatam quam Henricus filius Sunniue tenuit cum implemento pro tofta 7 crofta in Meirs hou slade . sicut ipse Henricus tenuit . 7 eandem libertatem dedi eis ad totam terram predictam in uiiis 7 semitis . in pratis 7 campis . 7 pascuis . in uilla 7 extra uillam cum omnibus pertinenciis 7 asiamentis . quam ego habeo in meo demenio . 7 ego 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus predictis monialibus terram predictam contra omnes homines . ut puram 7 perpetuam 7 liberam elemosinam nostram . 7 si aliquo casu non poterimus warrantizare . escambiemus eis eam ad ualenciam . 7 defendemus pecuniam earum 7 possessiones quas habuerint in terra predicta . 7 warrantizabimus contra omnes homines in uilla . in campis . 7 pascuis . Quare uolo 7 concedo ut predictae moniales habeant 7 possideant predictam terram in perpetuam elemosinam libere 7 quiete ab omni exactione seculari 7 uexatione 7 consuetudine . in uilla 7 extra . in uiiis 7 semitis . in pratis 7 in campis . 7 pascuis . 7 omnibus aliis locis . His testibus . Willelmo persona de Wilna . Rogero capellano de Wattona . 7 Henrico fratre eius . 7 Henrico de Wlhei . Ricardo filio Nicholai de Torp .

<sup>1</sup> The compendium over the *i* is an afterthought.

Roberto Angeuin . Willelmo Pite 7 Rogero fratre eius . Hugone clerico de Wilehebi . Willelmo capellano . Radulfo stabulario . Willelmo clerico de Lindeshei . Roberto Muschet . Ranulfo clerico de Hattana (*sic*) . Thoma dispensatore . Roberto Frumentin . Angot de Waletuna . Ricardo de Waletona .

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : clxv (fifteenth century).

## 418

**Ancient Deeds A 6247.** Grant by Henry de Strattona to the nuns of Langley, with his daughter Avicia, of two bovates in Willoughby on the Wolds, co. Nottingham. (Late twelfth century.)

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris Henricus de Strattona salutem . Sciatis quod ego consilio 7 assensu heredum meorum dedi 7 concessi 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmaui deo 7 sancte Marie 7 monialibus de Langeleia pro salute anime mee 7 omnium successorum 7 amicorum duas bouatas terre in Wilwebi cum filia mea Auicia tenendas sibi 7 possidendas cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in perpetuam elemosinam liberas 7 quietas ab omni seculari seruicio 7 exactione ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinente saluo forinseco . illas uidelicet bouatas cum tofto 7 crofto quas Radulfus filius Osmundi tenuit 7 cum eodem Radulfo 7 secta sua . Ego uero 7 heredes mei warantizabimus hoc donum predictis monialibus contra omnes homines inperpetuum . Hiis testibus . Thoma priore de Bredona . Rogero decano de Wattona . Waltero clerico de Dahencurt . Serlo (*sic*) clerico de Hessore . magistro Roberto de Leka . Hugone capellano . Roberto Wiskardo . Johanne camerario . Rogero de Sidenhale . Roberto de Gretewic 7 multis aliis.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed : Carta Henrici de Strettona . de tenemento in Willeuby (Henry III).

## 419

**Harl. Chart. III F 59.** Grant by Fulcher lord of Edensor and Maud his daughter to Langley priory of eight bovates in Wilson, co. Leicester, held by Margaret Fulcher's wife in her lifetime *iure hereditario*, with the provision that the lady Hawisa Margaret's sister and Reginald of Boylestone and their heirs shall acquit the land of forinsec service. (Early Henry II.)

Fulcherus dominus de Ednesouria uniuersis sancte ecclesie fidelibus tam clericis quam laicis salutem . Pateat omnibus uobis quod ego 7



Matildis filia mea octo bouatas terre de Wiuelestunia quas uxor mea Margareta in uita sua iure hereditario tenuit : ecclesie sancte Marie de Longaleia . 7 sororibus ibidem deo seruientibus pro anima predictae Margarete 7 cum filia sua nomine Cristiana in perpetuam elemoniam <sup>1</sup> concessimus . 7 hac carta nostra confirmauimus liberas ab omni seruitio . Et sciatis quod domina Hauuisa soror Margarite <sup>2</sup> 7 Reginaldus de Boilestunia . 7 heredes sui predictam terram de Wiuelestunia ab omni forinseco seruitio defendere debent . pro tribus solidis quos Fulcherus 7 Margarita sorori sue Hawise annuatim accepturos in Boilestunia concesserunt . uel ipsos tres solidos sororibus ecclesie sancte Marie de Longaleia annuatim reddere debent . Hiis testibus <sup>3</sup> . Ricardo priore de sancto Jacobo de Derbeia . Willelmus Pantulf . Seuuale filius Fulgeri . Willelmus (*sic*) filius Hereberti . Radulfus de Merstun . Waltheus de Derbi . Fulcherus dominus Edesourie 7 omnes tenentes sui . Valet.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5895.]

Endorsed : Fulgeri (twelfth century). Weueleston (fifteenth century).

vii. ABBEY OF ST. MARY DE PRÉ, LEICESTER

420

Aug. Off. Misc. Books 52, No. 236. Confirmation by Roger de Canvilla, at the desire of Walter de Canvilla his father and at the request of William of Careby, to the abbey and canons of St. Mary de Pré, Leicester, of the gifts of Walter and William in Theddingworth, co. Leicester. (Late twelfth century.)

Uniueris sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Rogerus de Canuilla : salutem . Sciant omnes tam posteri quam presentes . quod ego Rogerus per uoluntatem Walteri de Canuilla patris mei . 7 per petitionem Willelmi de Karebi concessi 7 presenti carta confirmaui ecclesie sancte Marie de Prato Leircestrie . 7 canonicis regularibus ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuam elemosinam quicquid pater meus . 7 prefatus Willelmus de Karebi eis in uilla de Taingwrde prius concesserunt . 7 cartis suis confirmauerunt . unam scilicet carrucatam terre . 7 duos toftos cum omnibus pertinentiis 7 libertatibus ad eandem terram adiacentibus . Preterea unum toftum quem Willelmus le neucumene tenuit . 7 toftum unius cotarii qui . est . extra uillam prefatam uersus orientem . Uolo itaque ut predicti canonici terras prenominatas habeant 7 teneant libere . 7 honorifice . 7 quiete ab omni terreno seruitio 7 exactione seculari . quia Willelmus de Karebi

<sup>1</sup> Corrected from *elemonam*.

<sup>2</sup> The letters *rga* are interlined.

<sup>3</sup> Except the first, the names of all witnesses are in the nominative.

7 heredes eius eos debent adquietare uersus omnes homines de omnibus que ad illam terram pertinent . His testibus . Adam decano de Bulkintona . Willelmo de Canuilla . Sehero de Stokes . Gilleberto de Sagraua . Roberto de Waura . Adam fratre abbatis . Anchetillo de Creft . 7 multis aliis.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : . Carta . Rogeri de Canuilla de terra de Taingwrda (contemporary).

#### viii. MATTERSEY PRIORY

421

**Ancient Deeds C 3969. Release by Gilbert II prior of the order of Sempringham and the canons of Mattersey to Ralf of Eccleshall of their right in two bovates in Mattersey, co. Nottingham. (Circa 1200.)**

Cuntis (*sic*) Christi fidelibus presentibus 7 futuris . Gilebertus misericordia dei prior ordinis de Sippingham 7 canonici de Mareseia salutem in domino . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra nos concessisse 7 hac nostra carta confirmasse Radulfo de Eclishale 7 heredibus suis quicquid iuris clamauius in duabus bouatis terre 7 pertinenciis earum in territorio de Mareseia ex donatione Jordani capellani de Mareseia . ita quod inde ipsis questionem uel querelam nunquam mouebimus . set inde faciant quicquid uoluerint absque impedimento nostri 7 omnium nostrorum . His testibus . Waltero priore de Chikesande . Johanne . Gileberto . Martino capellanis magistri . Gileberti prioris ordinis de Sippingham 7 canonicis eiusdem ordinis . Roberto decano de Strettona . Ada de Clawrda . Nicholao de Wirkesope . Rogero filio Ricardi . Roberto de Bradefeld . Willelmo de Alretona . Rogero filio Arkil de Clawrda . Willelmo filio Ricardi . Randulfo de Mareseia . 7 multis aliis.

Oval seal: hand grasping cross. + SIGILL SÇE HELEN DE MARESEI.

No endorsement.

#### ix. MONKS KIRBY PRIORY

422

**Ancient Deeds D 3213. Grant by Hugh de Rampaign to Monks Kirby priory of his whole demesne in Kirby Bellars, co. Leicester. (Henry II.)**

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri . quod ego Hugo de Rampaign dedi 7 inperpetuum concessi deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie 7 sancti Nicholai de Kirkebi . priori 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus totum dominicum meum in uilla de Kirkebi super Werc . cum

mesuagio 7 tofto 7 crofto que ad eundem dominicum pertinent 7 cum omnibus pertinentiis infra uillam 7 extra . reddendo inde annuatim mihi 7 heredibus meis pro omni seruitio 7 exactione duodecim denarios . ad festum sancti Laurentii . nichil mihi uel heredibus meis in predicto dominico retinens nisi eternam retributionem . 7 predictam firmam . 7 contra omnes uexantes defensionem . Pro hac autem donatione 7 concessione . 7 confirmatione . prior 7 monachi de Kirkebi dederunt michi uiginti marcas<sup>1</sup> argenti . Quare uolo 7 firmiter precipio ut prefati monachi predictum dominicum inperpetuum habeant 7 teneant pacifice 7 honorifice . libere 7 quiete . in pratis . in pascuis . in uiis . in semitis . in aquis 7 stagnis . 7 in omnibus libertatibus de me 7 de heredibus meis . saluo forinseco seruitio . Vt autem hec mea concessio futuris temporibus firma 7 stabilis permaneat . eam sigilli mei munimine roborauī . Hiis testibus . Rogero de Mubrai . Rogero de Camuilla . Willelmo de Ardena . Roberto camerario . Rogero de Funteignei . Willelmo de Buci . Radulfo Beler . Thoma de Sixtenebi . Willelmo de Wafre . Jacobo de Bisech' . Willelmo de Neuham .

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed: Carta Hugonis de Rampaine (contemporary). Kyrkeby super Wrethek (fifteenth century).

#### 423

**Ancient Deeds D 3386.** Grant by Hugh de Rampen to Monks Kirby priory of two half virgates in Kirby Bellars, co. Leicester. (Henry II.)

Sciant omnes presentes 7 futuri quod ego Hugo de Rampen dedi . 7 concessi . 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo 7 sancte Marie 7 ecclesie sancti Nicholai de Kerkebi 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus dimidiam uirgatam terre in Kerkebi iusta Meltonam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis infra uillam 7 extra . uidelicet illam quam Azor filius Alueredi de me tenuit . 7 cum alia dimidia uirgata terre quam dedi in escanbium predictae ecclesie pro alia dimidia quam Johannes de eis tenuit . Quare uolo quod predicti monachi has duas dimidias uirgatas terre inperpetuum habeant 7 teneant in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice 7 sine ulla exactione 7 uexacione . nichil mihi uel heredibus meis retinens nisi eternam retributionem 7 contra omnes iniuste uexantes defensionem . His testibus . Alardo decano . Siluestro capellano Willelmo Galfrido clericis . Rogero de Molbrai . Willelmo

<sup>1</sup> *lib* written originally here.



de Landa . Sýmone filio Garneri . Radulfo Andegauensi . Roberto de Ardena . Roberto de Haia . Fulcone de Widebroch . Roberto carpentario . Willelmo pistore . Ricardo coco.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed: Kyrkeby iuxta Meltonam .vi de duabus medietatibus uirgatis terre (fifteenth century).

## 424

**Add. Chart. 21498. Grant by Peter of Wappenbury to Monks Kirby priory of half a virgate in Thrussington, co. Leicester. (Circa 1200.)**

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Petrus de Wappenbiri dedi 7 concessi pro salute anime mée 7 antecessorum 7 successorum meorum deo 7 beate Marie 7 ecclesie sancti Nicolai de Kirkebi 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus dimidiam uirgatam terre in Tursteinestuna cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . illam scilicet quam Willelmus filius Ricardi de me tenuit . nichil mihi uel heredibus meis de ea retinens : nisi eternam retributionem . Hiis testibus . Ricardo capellano de Wappenbiri . Alardo decano . Ricardo capellano de Stretuna . Johanne de Wappenbiri . Rogero Britone . Roberto de Ælinhale . Willelmo de Hodenhul.

Seal : lys. + SIGILL PETRI . DE WAPPEN . .

Endorsed : Wappinbure (fifteenth century).

## X. NUN COTHAM PRIORY

## 425

**Add. Chart. 20741. Confirmation by Robert son of Richard of Croxtun to Nun Cotham priory of a demesne toft and lands in Habrough, co. Lincoln, given by Ralf his brother. (Before 1183.)**

Robertus filius Ricardi de Croxtuna omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis salutem . Sciatis me confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam totam donationem Radulfi fratris mei quam fecit deo 7 ecclesie sancte Marie de Cottuna 7 monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus . scilicet dimidiam carrucatam terre de illa terra quam pater meus diuisit (*sic*) ei in territorio de Haburch cum omnibus pertinentiis suis intra uillam 7 extra . 7 dominicum toftum in quo Bertrannus mansit cum liberis exitibus 7 introitibus ipsi dominico tofto pertinentibus 7 totum magnum clausum proximius iacens predicto dominico tofto in aquilonari parte 7 occidentali in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam

elemosinam ⁊ quietam ab omni seculari seruitio ⁊ consuetudine humana . ⁊ hec omnia predicta confirmaui prenominate ecclesie sancte Marie de Cottuna pro anima patris mei ⁊ matris mee ⁊ pro salute mea ⁊ uxoris mee ⁊ omnium antecessorum ⁊ successorum meorum . ⁊ hec omnia ego Robertus ⁊ heredes mei manutenebimus ⁊ warentizabimus predictae domui contra omnes homines in perpetuum . ⁊ hoc affidaui in manu Ricardi de Otringham in capella Sancti Jacobi apud Cottunam . Hii sunt testes . Eustachius de Merch . Ricardus de Seures . Simon filius Walteri . Rannulfus frater eius . Willelmus de Otringham ⁊ Radulfus frater eius . Ricardus de Otringham . Willelmus de Basingham . Hugo de Bodebi . Radalfus<sup>1</sup> filius Radulfi de Yngoldesbi . Walterus de Perci . Willelmus de Merch . Baldewinus de Merch . Gaufridus Báárd . Willelmus filius Wienoch de Filingham . Alanus frater eius . Willelmus Magnus de Yngham . Radulfus filius Willelmi de Bradele . Rocilinus clericus de Bradele . Simon filius Hugonis de Thurgrimbi . Wigoth de Lincolnia . Robertus de Skilintuna . Ex capitulo *Lincolniensi* canonici testes . Radulfus<sup>2</sup> subdecanus . Alexander uicearchidiaconus . magister Petrus de Melide . Paganus . Ylebertus . Adam filius Thesaurarii . magister Simon . Alexander Malebisse . Robertus de Cheinnei . Ex uicariis . Andreas . Robertus nepos domini Ade canonici . Hamo clericus de Croxtona .

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5866.]

Endorsed: Confirmacio Roberti de Croxtona carte Radulfi fratris sui (circa 1200).

## 426

**Add. Chart. 20503.** Grant by Engelram de Munceus to Nun Cotham priory of his whole land in Cuckwold, co. Lincoln. (Late Henry II.)

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus ⁊ futuris . Engelram de Munceus salutem . Noueritis me per concessionem Annais sponse mee ⁊ heredum meorum dedisse ⁊ presenti carta confirmasse deo ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie de Cotum . ⁊ sanctimonialibus deo ibidem seruientibus totam terram meam de Cuchewald cum omnibus pertinentiis suis infra uillam ⁊ extra . in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam liberam ⁊ quietam ab omni seruicio ⁊ actione seculari . pro amore dei ⁊ pro salute anime mee ⁊ pro animabus omnium antecessorum ⁊ heredum meorum . Hanc uero elemosinam . Ego Engelram . de Munceus . ⁊ heredes mei manutenebimus ⁊ warantizabimus contra omnes homines in perpetuum . Testibus his . Roggero (*sic*) canonico de

<sup>1</sup> Altered from *Radulfus*.

<sup>2</sup> The compendium for *us* is inserted after the *d* in this name as well as after the final *f*.

Derebi . Pagano canico (*sic*) . magistro Alexandro de Malebis . Willelmo de Amundeuilla . Geruasio ⁊ Roberto canonicis de Neuhusum . Ulf presbitero de sancto Swithun . Ada uicario ecclesie sancte Marie . Roberto presbitero de Biletun . Warnero de Campania . Waltero de Perci . Rainaldo Furre . Ricardo filio Bonhume de Lincolnia.

Fragment of equestrian seal. [B. M. Cat. 6250.]

Endorsed : Confirmacio Yngrami de Munces senioris (late thirteenth century).

## 427

**Cott. Chart. xxvii. 99.** Grant by Engelram de Muncellis to Alis daughter of Philip of half a carucate in Killingholme, co. Lincoln. (Late Henry II.)

Sciant omnes qui sunt ⁊ qui futuri sunt quod ego Engellram de Muncellis dedi Alis<sup>1</sup> filie Philippi in scambio dimidiam karucatam terre cum omnibus pertinentiis in Kiluigholm sua petitione pro dimidia karucata terre in Leset scilicet terram Willelmi filii Tosti libere ei<sup>2</sup> ⁊ herebus (*sic*) suis de me ⁊ de heredibus meis His testibus Gilleberto de Muncellis . Umfrei de Gunnebi Eustachio de Muncellis Alano de Muncellis Roberto de Ultram Folco de Wincat' Sietric de Leset Radulfo Nunman Eustachio de Camerringtona . Rogero Malo clerico . Angot . Toma de Le.<sup>3</sup>

Fragment of equestrian seal. [B. M. Cat. 6212.]

No endorsement.

## xi. OWSTON ABBEY

## 428

**Cott. Chart. xi. 4.** Confirmation by Theobald archbishop of Canterbury to Odo the abbot and the canons of Owston of the church and manor of Owston and eight virgates in Knossington, co. Leicester. (1150-1160.)

. T. dei . gratia Cantuariensis archiepiscopus . Anglorum primas . Apostolice sedis legatus . uniuersis . sancte . ecclesie fidelibus . salutem . Equum est ac rationabile ea que diuinis sunt canonice mancipata seruitiis ⁊ ecclesiastico priuilegio confirmari . Inde est quod nos iustis postulationibus dilecti filii nostri . Odonis abbatis . et canonicorum regularium ecclesie de Osoluetona quos religionis nomen commendat attentius annuentes ⁊ eis omnia que in presentiarum iuste et canonice possident . et si qua in futurum iustis modis adipisci poterunt ⁊ iuxta

<sup>1</sup> Original probably *Aliz*, the *s* is overlined.

<sup>2</sup> Corrected from *ee*.

<sup>3</sup> On the very edge of the parchment.



tenorem cartarum uenerabilis . fratris nostri . R. *Lincolniensis* episcopi . in elemosinam perpetuam concedimus . et presentis scripti munimine confirmamus . uidelicet ecclesiam de Osoluestonia cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et totum illud manerium cum omnibus ad illud manerium pertinentibus . et viii . uirgatas terre in Cnossitonia ex dono . Walteri de Cheurecurt . et libertatem illam quam predictus episcopus . R. illis canonicis concessit . et carta sua confirmauit . uidelicet predictam ecclesiam fore liberam et quietam a synodalibus . et ab . omni . episcopali consuetudine absolutam . excepto denario beati Petri . Quicumque . ergo . contra hanc nostram confirmationem ausu temerario uenire presumpserit . nisi illam presumptionem cum integritate correxerit . indignationem omnipotentis dei . et nostram maledictionem se nouerit incursum . Amen . Valet.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 1180.]

Endorsed : (1) Confirmatio . T. archiepiscopi Cantuariensis . de Osoluestona . de libertatibus 7 synodalibus (Henry III). (2) Note of exhibition in a suit (fourteenth or fifteenth century).

## 429

**Campb. Chart. xv. 4.** Confirmation by Robert bishop of Lincoln to Odo abbot of Owston and his brethren of the church of St. Andrew of Owston, the whole village of Owston, and eight virgates in Knossington, co. Leicester. (Before 1160.)

R. dei gratia *Lincolniensis* . episcopus uniuersis sancte dei ecclesie fidelibus salutem . Quum ex iniuncto nobis incumbit officio cultum sancte religionis ad honorem dei fouendo . protegendo sumopere sullimare . populo nobis commisso curam paterne dilectionis impendere . fratri dilecto 7 filio nostro Odoni abbati Osoluestonie 7 fratribus suis canonicam uitam professis 7 successoribus eorum regulariter uicturis in perpetuum auctoritate episcopali confirmamus . 7 presentis cartule testimonio communimus ipsam ecclesiam sancti Andree Osoluestonie . cum decimis 7 omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis . necnon 7 ipsam uillam Osoluestonam totam cum omnibus pertinentiis 7 libertatibus suis 7 octo uirgatas terre in Cnossintona ex dono Walteri de Cheurecurt cum eiusdem terre decimis 7 sepultura . 7 omnibus aliis pertinentiis ad predictam terram pertinentibus . Has igitur terras 7 omnes alias possessiones que in nostra diocesi<sup>1</sup> continentur . ad prefatam ecclesiam pertinentes . sub dei 7 domini nostri Ihesu Christi . 7 nostra protectione suscipimus . episcopali auctoritate precipientes . ut

<sup>1</sup> The first *i* is interlined.

quecunque bona predicti canonici in presenciarum iuste possident . uel adipisci poterunt<sup>1</sup> rata 7 inconcussa permaneant . Valet.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed: (1) Carta . R. episcopi *Lincolniensis* de ecclesia 7 uilla de Osoluestona . 7 de terra de Cnossentona<sup>1</sup> . 7 de decimis de Cnossintona (Henry III). (2) Bona .ii. (Henry III). (3) Note of exhibition in a suit).

## 430

Campb. Chart. ii. 7. Confirmation by the same to the same, drafted with similar formulas, but adding the church of North Witham, co. Lincoln. (Before 1160.)

R. dei gratia Lincolniensis episcopus uniuersis sancte dei ecclesie fidelibus salutem . Sicut fratres dilectissimi mater nostra ecclesia quasi uitis habundans cotidie sponso suo filios parturire non desinit donec eidem coniungenda cum populo adquisicionis in die retributionis occurrat<sup>2</sup> ita ex iniuncto nobis incumbit officio cultum sancte religionis ad honorem dei fouendo . protegendo . summopere sullimare . populo nobis commisso curam paterne dilectionis impendere . Eapropter fratri dilecto 7 filio nostro Odoni abbati Osoluestonie 7 fratribus suis canonicam uitam professis . 7 successoribus eorum regulariter uiicturis in perpetuum auctoritate episcopali confirmamus . 7 presentis cartule testimonio communimus ipsam ecclesiam sancti Andreę Osoluestone cum terris 7 pratis 7 decimis . 7 omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis . necnon 7 ipsam uillam Osoluestonam totam . in planis 7 in siluis 7 in aquis 7 in omnibus pertinentiis cum omnibus libertatibus suis . Ecclesiam quoque de Nort Widhem cum terris 7 pratis . 7 decimis . 7 omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis . Et .viii.<sup>to</sup> uirgatas terre in Cnossintonia ex dono Walteri de Cheurehort 7 concessu Roberti . Grimbold . cum pratis 7 siluis libere 7 quiete . Has igitur terras . 7 omnes alias possessiones que in nostra diocesi continentur ad prefatam ecclesiam pertinentes<sup>3</sup> sub dei 7 domini nostri Iesu Christi 7 nostra protectione suscipimus . episcopali auctoritate precipientes ut quecumque bona predicti canonici in presentiarum iuste possident uel in futurum adipisci poterunt<sup>4</sup> rata 7 inconcussa permaneant . Valet.

Seal of bishop. [B. M. Cat. 1696.]

Endorsed: (1) Carta . R. *Lincolniensis* episcopi . de uilla de Osoluestona de ecclesia 7 de ecclesia de Wime . 7 de terra de Cnossintona (Henry III). (2) Bona .i. (Henry III). (3) Note of exhibition in a suit.

<sup>1</sup> The five following words are written in the same hand but in paler ink.

## 431

**Campb. Chart. xv. 2.** Confirmation by Walter bishop of Lincoln to Edward the abbot and the canons of Owston of the churches of North Witham, co. Lincoln, Tickencote, co. Rutland, and Burrough on the Hill, co. Leicester. (1183-1184.)

Walter dei gratia Lincolniensis episcopus uniuersis sancte dei ecclesie fidelibus salutem . Equum est ac rationabile ea que diuinis sunt canonice mancipata seruitiis ecclesiastico priuilegio confirmari . Inde est quod nos iustis postulationibus dilecti filii nostri Eadwardi abbatis et canonicorum regularium ecclesie de Osoluestona quos religionis nomen commendat attentius annuentes eis in elemosinam perpetuam concedimus . et presentis scripti munimine confirmamus . videlicet ecclesiam de Nordwiéma cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et ecclesiam de Tichenchote cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . ecclesiam quoque de Burgo cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . Has igitur ecclesias 7 omnes alias possessiones que in nostra diocesi continentur ad prefatam ecclesiam pertinentes sub dei 7 domini nostri Ihesu Christi 7 nostra protectione suscipimus episcopali auctoritate precipientes ut quecunque bona predicti canonici in presentiarum iuste possident . uel in futurum adipisci poterunt rata 7 inconcussa permaneant . Valete.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed: Carta . Walteri . Lincolniensis episcopi de ecclesia de Wime . Tichenchote . Burc (Henry III).

## 432

**Campb. Chart. xv. 1.** Confirmation by Richard del Pec and Maud of Houghton his wife to Owston abbey of the church of North Witham. (Henry II.)

Ricardus del Péc . 7 Matilda<sup>1</sup> sponsa eius<sup>1</sup> . de Hóhtune' omnibus sancte dei ecclesie fidelibus salutem . Notum sit omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris nos concessisse 7 dedisse ecclesiam de Wieme cum omnibus pertinentiis suis liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruitio seculari . ecclesie sancti Andréé de Osoluestona 7 canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus in perpetuam elemosinam . pro salute animarum nostrarum 7 omnium parentum nostrorum . His testibus . Willelmo fratre

<sup>1</sup> Marks are inserted here to show that *de Hóhtune* should come before *sponsa eius*.



Ricardi del Péc<sup>1</sup> . Willelmo de Sidenham . Alexandro Malfe .  
Willelmo de Wafre . Rogero de Hóhtune.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6285.]

Endorsed : Carta . Ricardi de Pec 7 Matildis de ecclesia de Wime  
(Henry III).

## 433

**Add. Chart. 6025. Confirmation by Maud daughter of Pagan of Houghton to Owston abbey of the church of North Witham and three bovates with salt pans in Donnington and Bicker, co. Lincoln. (Henry II.)**

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam futuris quam presentibus Matilda filia Pagani de Hoctun . salutem . Notum sit uobis omnibus me concessisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse deo 7 ecclesie sancti Andréé apostoli de Osoluestun 7 canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus pro salute anime méé 7 antecessorum meorum 7 heredum meorum . scilicet . ecclesiam de Norwime cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . 7 tres bouátas terre in Hoilande scilicet in Dunitun 7 in Bikir . cum salinis quas pater meus Paganus habuit . 7 tenuit . Quare uolo 7 precipio ut predicti canonici predictam ecclesiam 7 terram cum salinis pretaxátam libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice teneant . 7 ab omni seruicio seculari solutas in perpetuam elemosinam pacifice possideant . me 7 heredibus meis illas semper warantizantibus donationem prefixam . His<sup>2</sup> testibus<sup>2</sup> . Willelmo de Grendun presbitero . Philippo de Diue . Mauricio de Andeli . Helia de Cughanhocg . Edwardo de Wieme . Galfrido clerico . Willelmo de Mentemor . Rogero filio Herberti<sup>3</sup> . et multis aliis.

Oval seal : [B. M. Cat. 6665].

Endorsed : Carta . Matildis de Hohtona de ecclesia de Wime . 7 salinis de Hoýlanda (Henry III).

## xii. SEMPRINGHAM PRIORY

## 434

**Add. Chart. 24316. Grant by John son of Hasti to Sempringham priory of half a bovate and two acres in Bulby, co. Lincoln. (Late twelfth century.)**

Uniuersis Christi fidelibus . Johannes filius Hasti de Bolebi . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse

<sup>1</sup> The stroke over the *e* is almost horizontal, but it is certainly not a compendium.

<sup>2</sup> These words are spaced out so as to complete the line.

<sup>3</sup> *Herberti* is almost covered by the seal tag.

assensu fratrum meorum Godefridi 7 Willelmi deo 7 beate Marie 7 conuentui de Sempigham dimidiam bouatam terre 7 duas acras cum pertinentiis suis in territorio de Bolebi iuxta terram que est de dote nouerce méé uersus austrum in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruicio 7 exactione pro salute mea 7 meorum . Ego uero 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 acquietabimus predicto conuentui prefatam terram erga omnes homines in perpetuum . Hiis testibus . Willelmo de Baiocis . Adam de Sancto Laudo . Petro de Bredlightun . Ricardo de Cotes Rogero fratre eius . Rogero Poidras . Ulf stabulario . Willelmo Frainceis . Bricio de Kyrkebi . Simone curt col.

Seal: bird. + SIGILLV . HANCLARE.

Endorsed: Carte de dimidia bouata 7 .ii. acris in Boleby (? early fifteenth century).

435

**Add. Chart. 24317.** Another form of the preceding grant. (Late twelfth century.)

Cunctis Christi fidelibus presentibus 7 futuris . Johannes filius Hasti de Bolebi salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse concessu fratrum meorum Godefridi 7 Willelmi deo 7 beate Marie 7 conuentui de Sempingham dimidiam bouatam terre 7 duas acras cum pertinentiis suis in territorio de Bolebi . de illa scilicet bouata quam pater meus conquisiuit aduersus Robertum de Langetona in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberum 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruitio 7 exactione pro salute mea 7 meorum . Ego uero 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 adquietabimus predicto conuentui prefatam terram erga omnes homines in perpetuum . Hiis testibus . Willelmo de Baiús . Ada de sancto Laudo . Petro de Bredlingtona . Ricardo de Kotes . Rogero fratre eius . Rogero Poidras . Ulfo stabulario . Willelmo Franceis . Bricio de Kirkebi . Simone Cúrtcol.

Seal: bird. + SIGILLV HANCLARE.

Endorsed: Boleby Johannes filius Asti de dimidia bouata terre 7 ii acris (early fifteenth century).

436

**Add. Chart. 24315.** Grant of the same land by Geoffrey son of Asketin of Bulby. (Late twelfth century.)

Vniuersis Christi fidelibus Galfridus filius Asketini<sup>1</sup> de Bolebi salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse . concessisse . 7 hac

<sup>1</sup> The same person as the *Hasti* of the two preceding charters.

carta mea confirmasse deo 7 beate Marie 7 conuentui de Sempingham dimidiam bouatam terre 7 duas acras cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in territorio de Bolebi iuxta terram que est de dote Beatricis matris mée ex parte solari . pro salute mea 7 omnium amicorum meorum in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruitio 7 terrena exactione . Ego uero 7 heredes mei warantizabimus 7 adquietabimus prenominato conuentui prefatam terram erga omnes homines de omnibus rebus sicut puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam nostram inperpetuum . Hiis testibus . Reginaldo capellano Ade de sancto Laudo . Simone de Lindun . Adam de sancto Laudo . Roberto de Castertun . Roberto de Saucumare . Radulfo de Lile . Bricio de Kirkebi . Ulf stabulario.

Seal : elaborated lis. + SIGILLVM GALFRIDI FILII ASTINI.

Endorsed : Boleby Galfridus filius Anketini de dimidia bouata terre 7 ii acris (early fifteenth century).

## 437

Add. Chart. 20621. Confirmation by Simon son of William of Stonegrave of the grant by Henry his brother to John of Bulby touching the latter's service for land in Bulby. (Late twelfth century.)

Nouerint omnes ad quos littere presentes peruenerint quod ego Simon filius Willelmi de Stainegriue assensu heredum meorum concessi 7 carta mea confirmaui Johanni de Boleli (*sic*) 7 heredibus suis omnem illam concessionem quam Henricus frater meus fecit illi de seruicio quod ei tenebatur pro terra de Bolebi annuatim persoluere prout carta ipsius Johannis testatur . Hii sunt testes Conuentus canonicorum de Maltuna . Rodberto . de Muscham . Rodberto Bardulf . Ricardus facuner . Alanus Malacaca . Turstanus de Caluetuna . Jocelinus de Stainnegriue.

Seal : dog. + SIGIL . . . . S DE STENEGREVE.

Endorsed : De Simone de Steingriue 7 de Johanne de Bolebi (early thirteenth century).

## 438

Add. Chart. 20841. Grant by Ralf son of Spracli<sup>1</sup> of Hawthorpe and William his brother to the nuns of Sempringham of seven-

<sup>1</sup> The exact form of this name is uncertain ; no other bearer of it seems to be known from English sources. It probably represents an ON. name of the weak declension, treated as indeclinable. The form *Spracli* of Add. Chart. 20840 is certainly original ; the *Spracli* of the present text resulting from a common form of metathesis.



teen acres of arable in Hawthorpe, co. Lincoln. Collated with Add. Chart. 20840, a duplicate text, proved to be the counterpart of the present deed by the precise correspondence of its indentation. (Early Henry II.)

CYROGRAPHŪ:<sup>1</sup>

Notum sit cunctis Christi fidelibus quod ego Radulfus filius Sparcli<sup>2</sup> de Hawrtorp . &<sup>3</sup> ego Willelmus frater eius dedimus in perpetuam elemosinam deo . 7 sanctimonialibus de Sempingham assensu<sup>4</sup> . 7 consilio Roberti de Langetuna<sup>5</sup> domini nostri . 7 fratrum nostrorum 7 heredum .xvii. acras de terra nostra arabili in campis de Hawrtorp<sup>6</sup> . ab occidentali parte illius culture sue que antiquitus dum nemus fuit uocabatur Simildehae<sup>7</sup> . & communionem pasture eiusdem uille quantum ad feodum nostrum pertinet . Hanc autem donationem fecimus eis liberam<sup>8</sup> 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruicio<sup>9</sup> 7 consuetudine . & ut predictae moniales istam donacionem liberius . 7 securius in quietam possessionem . 7 perpetuam elemosinam possideant nos 7 heredes nostri post nos acquietabimus illam ad opus earum de proprio nostro erga regem<sup>10</sup> 7 regis ministros . 7 omnes dominos nostros de omnibus geldis<sup>11</sup> 7 auxiliis<sup>12</sup> 7 consuetudinibus . 7 garantizabimus contra omnes homines . 7 calumnias inperpetuum<sup>13</sup> fide nostra interposita . Ipse enim moniales . 7 fratres earum huius rei gratia dederunt nobis .iiii. marcas argenti . *Hus (sic)* conuencionis testes sunt . Capitulum monachorum de Ualle Dei . Willelmus de Aselachi<sup>14</sup> . Mauricius clericus . Rideld de Kisebi<sup>15</sup> Alanus de Mortuna . Alanus de Repinghale Paganus de Horbeling . Walterus filius Willelmi de Trikingham<sup>16</sup> Adam filius Pagani . Gerardus de Saili<sup>17</sup> Andreas de Billing . Brien de Pointuna<sup>18</sup> . 7 Gocelinus sacerdos in *cus*<sup>19</sup> (*sic*) manu fidem posuimus.

There is no evidence that either text was ever sealed.

No endorsement.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Inverted and indented.

<sup>2</sup> *Sparcli*.

<sup>3</sup> 7.

<sup>4</sup> Omit point.

<sup>5</sup> *Langetuna*.

<sup>6</sup> Omit point.

<sup>7</sup> *Simildehae*.

<sup>8</sup> Point.

<sup>9</sup> Point.

<sup>10</sup> Point.

<sup>11</sup> Point.

<sup>12</sup> Point.

<sup>13</sup> Point.

<sup>14</sup> MS. stained, *cb* only legible.

<sup>15</sup> Point.

<sup>16</sup> Point.

<sup>17</sup> *Saili*.

<sup>18</sup> Interlined in this text of the agreement.

<sup>19</sup> *cuius*.

<sup>20</sup> The duplicate is endorsed in the same hand as the text. Altera pars *hus (sic)* Cyrographi est apud abbatiam de Valle [Dei] . . . custodiam Willelmi prioris 7 Angerii 7 Aluredi monachorum.

**Add. Chart. 19821.** Grant by Ridel of Keisby to Sempringham priory of his man Aschur, his heirs, and chattels, with notification that Aschur, for this grant of his homage to the priory, has given eighteen shillings to Ridel. (Henry II.)

Cunctis Christi fidelibus Ridel de Chisebi salutem. Sciatis quod ego assensu uxoris mee ⁊ heredis mei Ridel concessi ⁊ hac carta mea confirmaui deo ⁊ ecclesie sancte Marie de Sempingham hominem meum Aschur<sup>1</sup> nomine ⁊ heredes suos ⁊ omnia catella sua in perpetuam possessionem ⁊ liberam ⁊ quietam. ⁊ absque ulla reclamatione uel calumpnia á nobis ulterius facta in ipso Aschur uel heredibus suis uel homagiis eorum uel catellis (*sic*). Ipse uero Aschur dedit mihi .xviii.<sup>to</sup> solidos pro hac concessione ⁊ confirmatione homagii sui ⁊ suorum deo ⁊ ecclesie de Sempingham. *Hus* (*sic*) rei testes sunt. Radulfus filius Swaue de Swauctona. Willelmus presbiter de Newentona. Paganus de Horbelinga. Walterus de Trichingham. Brien de Pointona ⁊ filius eius Osber. Rogerus Burnel. ⁊ Andreas frater eius. Willelmus de Newentona. ⁊ multi alii.

Foot of charter torn where a slit has been cut for the seal tag.

Endorsed: De Ridel de Kisebi. ⁊ de Aszur qui fuit homo eius (twelfth century and possibly contemporary).

**Add. Chart. 20863.** Grant by Robert de Berevilla and the lady Mabilia to the nuns of Sempringham of four bovates in Scopwick, co. Lincoln. (Circa 1150.)

Vniuersis sancte ecclesie filiis. tam presentibus quam futuris. Robertus de Bereuilla & Mabilia domina. salutem in Christo perpetuam. Sciat fraternitas uestra nos concessisse & dedisse in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute animarum nostrarum & parentum nostrorum .iiii.<sup>or</sup> bouatas terre. duas de dominio nostro & duas que fuerunt Wlfrico de Chyrchebia sanctimonialibus de Sempingham. & similiter duas toftas cum omnibus appendiciis suis. & communi pastura. duas autem acras terre. unam ex una parte uille & alteram ex alia concessimus illas ad crescentiam predictarum toftarum. Istam elemosinam sciant omnes tam clerus quam populus illis á nobis perpetuo concessam. & tenendam in bene ⁊ pace & libere & quiete. sine omni exactione & terreno seruitio. Huius autem concessionis & donationis sunt testes. Ricardus sacerdos de Scapewic. in

<sup>1</sup> The *h* is interlined.

qua hæc terra predicta iacet . & Adestanus sacerdos . & Rogerus filius Ricardi sacerdotis & Andreas frater eius . & Adam de Kirchebei . et Rogerus elemosinarius archiepiscopi Eboracensis . et Willelmus filius Augustini . et Wlfricus de Kyrchebia ; Valet.

Two seals : (1) Chapter of Lincoln. [B. M. Cat. 1785.] (2) Equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5696.]

Endorsed : (1) de Sempingeham. (2) de Rodberto de Bereuilla (late twelfth century). (3) Kyrkeby (fifteenth century).

### xiii. SOUTHWICK PRIORY

441

**Harl. Chart. 52 A 22.** Grant by Lucy de Humetis to Southwick priory of half a mark of rent in the land of Bradecroft, near Stamford, which she bought of Turstan Bodin. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris . Lucia de Humetis salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse ecclesie sancte Marie de Sudwica 7 canonicis eiusdem loci in liberam 7 perpetuam elemosinam integre 7 pacifice possidendam . dimidiam marcatam redditus in terra de Bradecrofta . quam terram emi de Turstano Bodin . per concessionem domini mei . 7 eandem terram dominus Ricardus de Humetis eidem Turstano dederat pro seruicio suo . scilicet duos solidos 7 quatuor denarios in terra quam Lewinus tenet . cum ipso Lewino 7 omnibus pertinentiis eiusdem terre . 7 tres solidos in terra quam Oswardus tenet . 7 sexdecim denarios [in] terra quam Willelmus W . . m' tenet . Hanc autem terram prenominatam dedi predictæ ecclesie 7 canonicis ibidem deo seruientibus [pro] salute anime mee 7 domini mei Willelmi de Humetis 7 Ricardi filii mei . 7 pro salute omnium liberorum meorum 7 parentum 7 antecessorum nostrorum . Prior uero 7 canonici eiusdem loci mihi concesserunt quod diem obitus mei annuo obsequio in perpetuum obseruabunt . Testibus hiis . Jordano de Humetis . Ricardo de Humetis . Baudewino Wac . Radulfo de Agnis . Hugone de Cardonuilla . Bartholomeo de Mortuo mari . Willelmo le Bigot' . Willelmo de Hasteinuilla . Gileberto de ualle . Willelmo de Sae . Henrico de Humetis fratre suo . Bracio (?) . Willelmo clerico de Aupegart'.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : (1) Carta . Lucie de Humet de redditu dimidie marce in in (*sic*) Bradecroft (Henry III). (2) Brad .ii. (thirteenth century).



xiv. PRIORY OF ST. MICHAEL, STAMFORD<sup>1</sup>

442

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 46, No. 161.** Grant by William son of Robert of Ashby to Robert son of Ivo of a bovate in Ashby Magna, co. Leicester, being half that virgate at Blackwell which Herbert held. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Willelmus filius Roberti de Essebi consensu 7 assensu uxoris mee 7 heredum meorum dedi 7 concessi Roberto filio Iuonis 7 heredibus illius pro homagio et seruicio suo unam bouatam terre in magna Essebi cum tofto 7 crofto 7 omnibus aliis pertinentiis 7 libertatibus in uilla 7 extra uillam . dimidiam scilicet illius uirgate ad Blacwellam quam Herebertus tenuit . tenendam de me 7 heredibus meis libere 7 quiete reddendo inde annuatim duo calcaria uel .vi. denarios ad pascha pro omni seruicio ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinente . saluo forinseco domini regis . Ego uero 7 heredes mei predictam terram prefato Roberto 7 heredibus suis warantizabimus . et ut hec mea donatio firma 7 perpetua permaneat : eam literarum mearum testimonio 7 sigilli mei inpressione confirmaui . His testibus . Willelmo de Seis . Roberto filio Fulconis . Willelmo de Wetstan clerico . Johanne de Lodborc . Willelmo de Bucebi . Willelmo filio Ricardi de Bretingbi Roberto Daiuilla . Ranulfo de Aissebi . Ileberto de Essebi . 7 aliis multis.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : Willelmus filius Roberti . primus<sup>2</sup> pro Roberto cum barba . de una bouata terre in Magna Esseby (Henry III).

443

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 43, No. 24.** Grant by Hugh of Boothby to St. Michael's priory, Stamford, of an acre in East Deeping, co. Lincoln, in the park which his lord Baldwin Wac gave him. (Henry II.)

Sciant presentes & futuri quod ego Hugo de Boebia dedi & hac mea karta confirmaui deo 7 beate Marie & beato Michaeli archangelo de Stanforda . & monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus . unam acram terre in parco meo quod dominus meus B. Wac dedit mihi . scilicet in territorio de Estdepindg<sup>3</sup> . in occidente predicti parchi

<sup>1</sup> Of the nine charters in this group the first and the two last are proved to be derived from the records of this priory by the characteristic endorsements which they bear.

<sup>2</sup> This word is written in fainter ink than the rest of the endorsement.

<sup>3</sup> This spelling, which occurs again in the attestation clause of this charter, is certainly deliberate. If, as is probable, the combination *dg* is an attempt to represent a fronted *g*, it would seem that the name Deeping is pre-English. Cf. Lockinge (OE. Lacing), Berkshire.

iuxta pascuam ad percipiendum fructum prenominate acre sine edificatione aliqua . Hanc prefatam acram ego ⁊ heredes mei warentizabimus prehabitis monialibus puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam pro anima Agnetis matris mee . Hiis testibus . Galfrido persona de Boebia . Radulfo . de Boebia . Baldwino de Wasprei . Petro persona de Depingd (*sic*) . Willelmo de Stoches . Radulfo decano de Depindg . Johanne filio Geroldi . Willelmo de marescho . Hugone conuerso.

Endorsed : . . . pingg (fifteenth century).

## 444

**Add. Chart. 20859. Grant by Ralf de Agnis to St. Michael's priory, Stamford, of half a mark of silver in his land of Ketton, Rutland, with the men holding the land from which it came. (Late twelfth century.)**

Uniuersis Christi fidelibus presentibus ⁊ futuris Radulfus de Agnis salutem. Sciat uniuersitas uestra me dedisse ⁊ concessisse ⁊ hac mea carta confirmasse deo ⁊ sancte Marie . ⁊ ecclesie beati Michaelis de Stanforda ⁊ monialibus ibidem deo famulantibus dimidiam *marcatam* argenti in terra mea de Ketene cum hominibus qui eam tenent . scilicet . dimidiam bouatam quam Galfridus Campiun tenet ⁊ aliam dimidiam quam Robertus Brun tenet . ⁊ terram quam Matildis uidua tenet . ⁊ terram quam Willelmus de Bradecrout tenet . ⁊ seruicium Ricardi de Estuna . scilicet .v. denarios ⁊ quadrantem ⁊ de tenemento Willelmi prepositi de Ketene .iiii. denarios . Hec omnia dedi ⁊ concessi sicut predictum est in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam libera ⁊ quieta ab omni exactione . ⁊ seculari seruicio sicut aliqua elemosina potest melius ⁊ liberius dari pro salute anime mee ⁊ omnium antecessorum meorum ⁊ heredum meorum . His testibus Ricardo de Humetis . Jordano de Humetis Willelmo de Sai Roberto de la Haie . Lucia de Humetis . Agnete uxor (*sic*) Blaldewini (*sic*) Wac Willelmo de Hastencuila . Saluagio Dauid filio Suani . Roberto Plaur . Adam . Portario.

Seal : two lambs. +SIGILLVM R . . . . DE . AGNIS.

Endorsed : . Ketene . . . Carta . Radulfi . de Agnis de redditu dimidie . marce in Ketene cum hominibus debentibus redditum (Henry III).

## 445

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 36, No. 18. Grant by Driu son of Ralf, at the request of Walter de Normannia, to Stephen son of Roger of all the land which Walter held of Driu and sold to Stephen in Luffenham, co. Rutland. (Henry II.)**

Sciunt tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Driu filius Radulfi .

petitione Walteri de Normannia concessi . 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui . Steffano filio Rogeri 7 heredibus suis totam terram quam predictus Walterus de Normannia tenuit de me in Luffenham . quam etiam ipse Walterus uendidit prescripto Steffano . sibi 7 heredibus suis tenendam de me 7 de heredibus meis . libere 7 quiete ab omni seruitio quod ad me pertinet . in bosco . 7 plano . in uiis . 7 semitis . in pascuis . in aquis . 7 molendinis . 7 in aliis libertatibus ad predictam terram pertinentibus . reddendo mihi annuatim quedam calcaria .vi. nummorum . His testibus . Willelmo de Wella . Ace de Seinliz . Erniso (*sic*) de Neuilla . Nigello filio Alexandri . Thoma de Sumardebi . Petro de Castiluna . Alexandro persona ecclesie omnium sanctorum de Staforda (*sic*) . Waltero filio Macefrei . Wolwino de Lagethoft . Rogero Malebranche . Roberto clerico de Greteforda . Roberto de Wenlinburc . Johanne fratre eius . Hugone de Bebi (*sic*) . Hugone de sancto Edwardo . Roberto filio Eue . Galfrido de Bercweie . Reginaldo monaco . Willelmo filio Dodi de Stanforda Simone de ponte . Galfrido Noel . Willelmo filio Angelini .

Slits for seal tag.

Endorsed : In Luffenham Confirmatio . Dru fili Radulfi facta Stephano filio Rogeri . de terra in Luffinham quam Walterus de Normannia uendidit.

## 446

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 33, No. 141. Grant by Stephen son of Roger to St. Michael's priory, Stamford, of a rent of a mark of silver from the land in Luffenham, co. Rutland, which he bought from Walter de Normannia. (Late twelfth century.)**

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Stephanus filius . Rogeri . dedi 7 concessi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui assensu 7 consensu Adalicie de Aubennii uxoris mee 7 heredum meorum deo 7 ecclesie sancti Michaelis de Stanford . 7 sanctimonialibus ibidem deo seruiantibus redditum unius marci . argenti in uilla de Luffenham . de quadam terra quam emi de proprio catallo meo a Waltero de Normannia in eadem uilla . consensu 7 assensu . domini sui . Druonis . filii . Radulfi de Grimesbi . in puram perpetuam elemosinam . liberum 7 quietum ab omni exactione 7 consuetudine seculari . pro anima mea . 7 anima Adalicie uxoris mee 7 animabus antecessorum 7 successorum meorum . reddendo annuatim predicto (*sic*) Willelmo filio . Druonis . 7 heredibus suis pro omni seruicio duo calcaria deaurata . scilicet .vi. denariorum . His testibus . Thoma . capellano de Empingham . Waltero capellano de Marham . Ricardo persona de Marham . Roberto . filio .



Stephani . Virgilio persona . de Castre . Galfrido . de Redinge . Rogero de Croilande . 7 multis aliis.

Slits for seal tag.

Endorsed ; In Luffenham Carta Stephani filii Rogeri de redditu . unius marce in Luffenham (Henry III).

447

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 48, No. 260.** Grant by Asceria daughter of Joslan to St. Michael's priory, Stamford, of all her land which was Argrim her grandfather's and Wulfifu her great-grand-mother's. (Henry II.)

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos littere iste peruenierint Asceria filia Ioslani salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse 7 hac presenti karta confirmasse ecclesie sancti Michaelis de Stanford 7 monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus totam terram meam tam in domibus quam in furno que fuit Argrim aui mei 7 Wluiuie<sup>1</sup> proauie mee libere 7 quiete in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee 7 antecessorum meorum 7 successorum meorum . His testibus . Reinero decano . Godardo capellano . Iordano capellano . Gilberto capellano . magistro Roberto de Stapel . Alexandro persona . Galfrido Iol . Roberto filio Stainke.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : Carta . Ascerie filie Ioslani de terra cum furno que fuit Argrim (Henry III).

448

**Add. Chart. 20242.** Confirmation by William de Humet Constable of the king to St. Michael's priory, Stamford, of half a mark of silver which Lucy his sister, with his consent, gave from her land at Bradcroft (near Stamford). (1180-1200.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis . Willelmus de Humetis . constabularius . domini regis salutem . Sciat uniuersitas uestra me concessisse 7 presente (*sic*) carta mea confirmasse deo 7 sancte Marie 7 ecclesie sancti Michaelis de Stanforda . 7 sanctimonialibus ibidem deo seruientibus in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruicio 7 actione seculari .<sup>1</sup> dimidiam marcam argenti quam Lucia uxor mea dedit predictae ecclesie . de terra sua de Bradcroftd (*sic*) quam ipsa emit de Tosteno Bodin . assensu meo .<sup>1</sup> sicut carta predictae Lucie quam inde habent predictae sanctimoniales .<sup>1</sup> testatur . His testibus . Jordano de Humetis . Ricardo de Humetis . Willelmo de

<sup>1</sup> Altered from *Wluuie*.

Sae . Henrico fratre suo Radulfo de Agnis . Gisleberto de Ualle . Willelmo de Hasteinuilla . Saluagio . Daudil filio Suain .

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : Confirmatio . Willelmi de Humet de dimidia marca in Bradecroft monialibus . facta (Henry III).

## 449

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 44, No. 191.** Grant by Hugh son of Walter of Thurlby to the church of St. Firmin of Thurlby by Bourne, co. Lincoln, of six acres of arable and one acre of meadow there. (Circa 1190-1195.)

Sciunt presentes ⁊ futuri quod ego Hugo filius Walteri de Turlebi concessi ⁊ dedi . ⁊ presenti carta confirmaui in puram ⁊ perpetuam elemosinam . deo ⁊ ecclesie beati Firmini de Turlebi .vi. acras terre arabilis . ⁊ unam acram prati iuxta cimiterium uersus austrum . Loca uero terre arabilis hec sunt . Tres selliones super toftos . ⁊ duos selliones in Aidecroft . ⁊ duos selliones secus uiam Dobetorp<sup>1</sup> uersus occidentem . iuxta terram Roberti calui . ⁊ unum<sup>2</sup> sellionem inter uias iuxta terram Willelmi filii Meriet . ⁊ duos selliones ex occidentali parte de Branthewet iuxta terram Lewini . ⁊ unum sellionem ex australi parte crofti Arberni . cum particula prati . ⁊ unum sellionem cum particula prati iuxta Robertum caluum ex aquilonari parte de Branthewet . ⁊ duos selliones ⁊ unam garam . ex occidentali parte terre Simonis sacerdotis . ⁊ tres selliones qui inpingunt super Rischethewet . ⁊ v. selliones iuxta Galmingates . ⁊ pro adimplemento predictarum acrarum . unam rodam ⁊ dimidiam in orientali parte de Grenecroft . iuxta terram Toli filii Sweni . Hanc autem elemosinam concessi predictae ecclesie pro salute anime mee . ⁊ uxoris . ⁊ heredum meorum . ⁊ dominorum . ad tenendum libere ⁊ quiete ⁊ honorifice . absolutam ab omni seculari seruitio ⁊ exactione . Predictam uero terram warrantizabo erga omnes homines . Teste Andrea de Turlebi . ⁊ Rogero . ⁊ Gaufrido . filiis eius . Willelmo filio Rogeri . Haimerico filio Gidhe . Roberto ⁊ Hugone filiis eius . Gaufrido filio decani . ⁊ Philippo filio eius . Turstano filio Wlwini . Radulfo de Obetorp . ⁊ Thoma filio eius . Johanne ⁊ Simone filiis eius . Gaufrido fabro .

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Endorsed : VI. Bis scripta ⁊ eadem carta Hugonis filii Walteri de Turlebi de sex acris terre ⁊ una acra prati in territorio de Turlebi (Henry III).

## 450

**Aug. Off. Misc. Books 54, No. 61.** Grant by Thomas the chaplain of Thurlby to St. Michael's priory, Stamford, of six acres of

<sup>1</sup> i. e. de Obetorp (Obthorpe, parish of Thurlby).

<sup>2</sup> Corrected from *unam*.

arable and one acre of meadow in Thurlby which he bought from Hugh Truan. (1195.)

Sciant omnes qui hoc scriptum uiderint uel audierint quod ego Thomas capellanus de Thurlebi dedi 7 concessi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo 7 ecclesie sancti Michaelis de Stanforda . 7 monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus sex acras terre arabilis 7 unam acram prati in territorio de Turlebi quas emi de Hugone Truan de denariis meis . habendas scilicet 7 tenendas in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee 7 predecessorum meorum Et ut hec mea donatio perpetuum firmitatis robur optineat eam sigilli mei munimine corroborauimus . Hec donatio facta fuit anno quo Hugo de Puset episcopus Dunelmensis uiam uniuerse carnis ingressus est . Hiis testibus . Galfrido de la mare . Galfrido filio Joce de Brunne . Galfrido filio decani . Wilhelmo filio Rogeri . Rogero filio Andree . Andrea filio Walteri . Thoma coco . Wilhelmo coco . Galfrido fabro . Johanne preposito . 7 multis aliis.

Slits for seal tag.

Endorsed : Bis scripta . Vacat carta . Thome capellani de Turlebi de sex acris terre 7 una acra prati in territorio de Turlebi (Henry III).

#### XV. THETFORD PRIORY

451

**Bodleian Library, Essex Charters 31.** Notification by Baldric archdeacon of Leicester of an agreement made before him in synod at Leicester to the effect that Hugh the priest shall hold of the monks of Thetford two parts of the demesne tithes of William son of Herbert of Twycross, co. Leicester, for three shillings yearly. (Henry II after 1158.)

Baldricus . archidiaconus [Leir]cestrie . omnibus fidelibus sancte ecclesie . salutem . Notum sit uobis quod hec est conuentio facta inter monachos Tetfordenses . 7 Hugonem presbiterum<sup>1</sup> super duabus partibus decimarum de dominio Willelmi filii Herberti de Tuicross in sinodo Leircestrie coram me . Scilicet quod predictus Hugo tenebit predictam decimam de monachis Tetfordensibus pro tribus solidis annuatim reddendis eis infra octabas sancti Luce [euan]geliste fide sua interposita in presentia nostra coram multis.<sup>2</sup>

No seal.

No endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> There are two compendia for *er* over this word.

<sup>2</sup> Unintelligible writing cut through at foot of text.



## xvi. WALLINGWELLS PRIORY

452

Harl. Chart. 48 B 3. Foundation charter of Wallingwells priory, co. Nottingham.<sup>1</sup> (Circa 1150.)

Notum sit omnibus in Ihesum Christum credentibus sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus & presentibus & futuris quod ego Radulfus de Cheurolcurt assensu & uoluntate heredum meorum do & concedo & hac mea presenti carta confirmo omnipotenti deo 7 sancte Marie uirgini eiusdem gloriose genitrici unum locum in meo parcho de Carletuna iuxta fontes 7 riuum fontium . cuius nomen uocetur Sancta Maria de parcho . ad construendam 7 edificandam ibidem inhabitationem ad sanctam religionem . ita libere quod iste locus nulli alteri loco appendeat . in honore 7 memoria beate 7 gloriose uirginis genetricis dei Marie . & omnibus in eodem loco deo 7 sancte Marie religiose seruientibus 7 regulariter uiuentibus . pro remissione omnium peccatorum meorum 7 salute anime mée ac patris 7 matris mée 7 omnium heredum meorum 7 parentum . precedentium ac subsequentium . necnon & illorum omnium qui predictum locum pro dei amore 7 sancte Marie adiuuabunt 7 manutenebunt . Do etiam & riuum fontium ad utilitatem loci 7 ad molendina facienda . 7 pasturam in eodem parcho omnibus suis bestiis cum meis . 7 pascuam decem ix<sup>2</sup> porcis in eodem parcho . 7 unam uiam per medium parchum apud meridianam partem libere exeundi 7 reuertendi ad suas segetas excolendas 7 attrahendas . & totam terram quam Gunwatus de meo feudo tenuit . in terris cultis . 7 sartis . 7 pratis . 7 marescis . 7 essartum Thori . 7 essartum Willelmi filii Lefwini . & culturam de Ruhstorh de demenio meo . & essartum Ernwi in meridiana parte del Holm iuxta uiam . & in Westholm .v. acras terre . in uno loco . 7 in alio loco .iiii. 7 pratium quod fuit Godrici palmarii . 7 octo acras terre de demenio meo in le hahecroc . 7 communionem in campo de Carletune in le brec . 7 communem pasturam omnibus suis bestiis ubique . 7 totum arbustum de Sicam adsartandum quod est in longum a cultura de Ruhstorh usque in fossatum de Lindric . 7 in latum a parcho usque ad essartum Theodbaldi . Hec omnia do & concedo seruientibus deo 7 sancte Marie in eodem loco in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam ab omni omnino terreni seruitii exactione 7 consuetudine liberam 7 solutam . 7 quietam . Quicumque meorum heredum hanc meam elemosinam quam pro nostra communi utilitate 7 salute deo 7 sancte Marie in eodem loco seruientibus libere 7 quiete do 7 concedo .

<sup>1</sup> Printed with some errors in *Mon. Ang.* iv. 296.

<sup>2</sup> *ix* is apparently an insertion into the text.

bene manutenebit ⁊ diliget . omnipotentis dei ⁊ domini nostri Ihesu Christi eiusque gloriose genetricis Marie perpetuam benedictionem optineat atque meam . Qui uero prædicta uel eorum possessores perturbare imminuere coartare attemptauerit ⁊ districti iudicis domini nostri Ihesu Christi ⁊ sue gloriose genetricis Marie<sup>1</sup> maledictionem habeat in die iudicii atque meam . Amen . Hii sunt testes . Herbertus prior de Pontefracto . Alexander nepos eius . Lucas persona de Carletuna . Symon de Cheurolcurt . Jordanus ⁊ Ricardus fratres eius . Hugo filius Ernaldi ⁊ Nicholaus frater eius . Ernaldus filius Claronis . Blundel . Godricus Modi . Walterus de Lettewelle . Suarawallus molendinarius.

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No early endorsement.

#### xvii. WELBECK ABBEY

453

**Harl. Chart. 45 A 30.** Grant by Berenger the abbot and the convent of Welbeck to Thomas their clerk of the church of Reston, co. Lincoln, to be held for life at a yearly payment of half a mark. (1153-1169.)

Uniuersis<sup>2</sup> sancte matris ecclesie filiis Berengerius dictus abbas sancti Jacobi de Wellebech ⁊ eiusdem loci conuentus . salutem . Sciatis nos concessisse ⁊ hac nostra karta confirmasse huic Thome nostro clerico ecclesiam de Ristona tenendam de nobis quamdiu uixerit pro una marca argenti annuatim reddenda . dimidia marca ad festum sancti Iohannis baptiste . ⁊ dimidia ad festum Omnium Sanctorum in eadem uilla supradicta . ⁊ hoc affidauit supradictus Thomas . ⁊ super hoc nichil amplius ab eo exigetur . His testibus . Alexandro canonico *Lincolniensi* . Radulfo . decano de Suttona . Hamelino decano . Willelmo de Hanei . Alano sacerdote de Thedlactorp . Daud presbitero . Hamelino presbitero . Willelmo presbitero de Hornekastra . Alexandro de Rokelunda . ⁊ multis aliis.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 4280.]

No endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> Throughout this charter the words *Maria* and *Marie* are written in capitals.

<sup>2</sup> *VNIV* is written, apparently in a contemporary hand, above the first word.

## X. MISCELLANEOUS NON-MONASTIC DOCUMENTS

THE thirty-nine charters which follow comprise those twelfth-century unprinted texts in public custody and relating to the Danelaw which are neither derived from the records of the Duchy of Lancaster nor definitely to be assigned to the archives of any religious house. That these texts, all told, amount to less than forty illustrates the monastic origin of the bulk of the extant materials for twelfth-century agrarian history. Here and there in this series the monastic provenance of a particular charter may be suspected, but it is not well definitely to assign a charter to a monastery unless either the monastery is known to have possessed the land conveyed by the charter or the charter bears an endorsement characteristic of documents certainly derived from the monastery. Neither condition is satisfied by any charter printed in this group. Under these conditions, therefore, the charters have been arranged by counties, and within each county in a topographical order.

### 454

Aug. Off. Misc. Books 50, No. 22. Grant by Geoffrey del Bec son of Roger de Caucēs, in free marriage with Emelina his sister, to Godard of Bradbourne of four bovates in Bradbourne, co. Derby, which he held of Geoffrey's father, with the provision that if Emelina die without issue Godard shall hold that land so long as he lives unmarried. (Henry II.)

Galfridus del Bec filius Rogeri de Caucēs omnibus amicis 7 hominibus suis salutem . Siant (*sic*) tam presentes quam futuri me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse Godardo de Bradeburne . quatuor bouatas terre in Bradeburne cum Emelina sorore mea in liberum maritagium illas duas scilicet quas de patre meo prefato . R. tenuit . 7 illas duas quas Huuiet clericus tenuit . tenendas de me 7 heredibus meis illi 7 heredibus suis quos de predicta Emelina habuerit libere 7 solide 7 quiete ab omni seruitio ad me pertinenti . reddendo annuatim in festo scilicet sancti Michaelis .xii.<sup>cim</sup> denarios . Si uero predicta . E. ab hac uita sine prole discesserit / dum sine sponsa manserit sub eadem libertate terram predictam prefatus teneat Godardus . His testibus . Hugone de Hacouere . Herberto de Ticintona . Ricardo del Pec <sup>1</sup> .

<sup>1</sup> A *b* is inserted over the final *c* of this name. It has no obvious meaning, but it may represent an attempted correction of the name into Bec.



Roberto clerico 7 Ricardo fratre eius . Rogero de sancto Victore .  
Radulfo le Chauceis . Radulfo<sup>1</sup> de Chendut . 7 pluribus aliis . Valet .  
& Willelmo le chauceis<sup>2</sup> .

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Endorsed : Bradeburne (fourteenth century).

## 455

Ancient Deeds C 5839. Grant by John the constable of Chester to Richard of Leake of two carucates in Keyworth, co. Nottingham, being the inheritance of the sons of Richard's brother William, also grant to the same of the wardship of William's said sons until they are of age. (Henry II.)

Johannes constabularius Cestrie omnibus hominibus suis . Francis & Anglicis . clericis 7 laicis . presentibus 7 futuris salutem ; Sciatis me concessisse & hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Ricardo de Leca filio Letoud . ii. carrugatas terre in Kewurda . scilicet hereditatem suorum nepotum . filiorum Willelmi sui fratris . quas predictus Willelmus frater [eiusdem] Ricardi mercatus est a Simone de Kewurda . 7 unde [carta]m habet predicti Simonis . & me concessisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse predicto Ricardo custodiam suorum nepotum qui sunt heredes huius terre predicte donec in etate<sup>3</sup> His testibus . Ricardo filio Johannis constabularii . Radulfo fraser . Roberto pica . Roberto de Crokeston . Ione (*sic*) . Roberto filio Ionis (*sic*) . Pagano fraser . Galfrido Escrop . Radulfo de Bidon . Radulfo . de Sauketot Roberto filio Walteri . Elia de [Ke]wurda . Adam de Duttuna ; Willelmo le gat.

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Endorsed : Keworda (fifteenth century).

## 456

Ancient Deeds C 5495. Final concord made in the court of William Butler by command of John count of Mortain between Pagan de Vilers and Robert de Vilers touching the land of Thomas de Vilers. Robert has rendered to Pagan all the land of Calverton, co. Nottingham, and one carucate in Owthorpe, co. Nottingham, and Pagan has quitclaimed to

<sup>1</sup> Corrected from *Rodulfo*.

<sup>2</sup> The last name is obviously an afterthought, written in a smaller hand and sloping slightly upwards.

<sup>3</sup> A stop is inserted here resembling, but distinct from, the symbol 7 commonly used for *et*.

Robert all the other land of Thomas de Vilers which Pagan claimed against Robert. (Late twelfth century.)

CYROGRAPHVM<sup>1</sup>

Sciant presentes ⁊ futuri quod hec est finalis concordia inter Paganum de Vilers ⁊ Robertum de Vilers in curia Willelmi Pincerne per preceptum . Johannis comitis de Moretoin facta de terra Thome de Vilers quam Paganus clamauit aduersus Robertum . scilicet de Uuetorp ⁊ de Holes . Predictus Robertus reddidit Pagano totam terram de Caluertona sicut rectum suum quam Alanus pater eius tenuit de feodo Willelmi Pincerne cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . ⁊ unam carrucatam terre in Uuetorp . scilicet viii. bouatas cum pertinenciis suis . de quibus Symon filius Ricardi tenet tres . ⁊ Ricardus Walensis tenuit tres . ⁊ Willelmus de Vilers tenet unam . ⁊ Radulfus laweite tenet unam . Predictus uero Robertus debet warantizare Pagano illas tres bouatas quas Ricardus Walensis tenuit . illi ⁊ heredibus suis de se ⁊ heredibus eius ⁊ contra calupniam Ricardi . Pro predicta terra Paganus clamauit Roberto de Vilers totam aliam terram quietam que fuit Thome de Vilers quam calumpniauit aduersus Robertum illi ⁊ heredibus suis de se ⁊ heredibus eius . His testibus . Willelmo pincerna . Beneit kernet . Radulfo de la more . Jordano Flagmango . Roberto filio Ricardi . Henrico de Vilers . Willelmo de Buiuilla . Warino de Vilers . Hugone de Torlauetun . Johanne de Barchestun Roberto filio Seer ;

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No endorsement.

## 457

Harl. Chart. 55 D 8. Confirmation by Geoffrey Ridel to John de Stutville of all the tenements which John holds of Geoffrey's fee. (Circa 1160.)

. Gaufridus Ridel . omnibus probis hominibus suis Francis ⁊ Anglis ⁊ salutem . Sciatis me dedisse ⁊ concessisse Johanni de Stutuilla in feudo ⁊ hereditate omnia sua<sup>2</sup> tenementa que de feudo meo sunt . sibi ⁊ heredibus suis sicut cyrographum (*sic*) continet . de me ⁊ heredibus meis tenenda ⁊ in perpetuum . et eodem tenore quod ipse Johannes seruitium quod regi inde pertinet mihi ⁊ heredibus meis in uitta (*sic*) sua faciet . omnibus aliis seruitiis ⁊ querelis ⁊ occasionibus omnino inter nos dimissis . Et si euenerit<sup>3</sup> ⁊ consideratione amicorum nostrorum ⁊ emendabuntur . Hanc donationem ⁊ concessionem feci predicto Johanni die qua ipse Johannes humagium ⁊ ligentiam apud Norhantona

<sup>1</sup> Indented.

<sup>2</sup> *sua* is interlined.

<sup>3</sup> MS. *euennerit*.

mihi ⁊ fecit . Quod si<sup>1</sup> contigerit quod aliquod feudum uel hereditas ei prouenerit . unde ligentiam eum oporteat facere ⁊ faciat . ⁊ hoc saluo meo seruitio mihi pertinente . Quod si conquestus alicus (*sic*) feudi eius auxilio ⁊ consilio mihi prouenerit . consilio amicorum<sup>2</sup> meorum ei in hoc ⁊ communicabo . Istius donationis ⁊ concessionis ⁊ sunt testes . Radulfus prior de Landa . R. sub prior . Hugo cellarius (*sic*) . Radulfus Burdet . Ernaldus capellanus . Radulfus Basset . Ricardus Basset . W. Basset . R. filius Hugonis . Ricardus Engaine . Simone de Ouilla . W. de Wintring' . Hugo Ridel . R. filius Iuonis . Ricardus filius uicecomitis . Sanson de Stophastona . Bos . R. de Creuilla . Stephanus filius . Saheri . Herbertus filius Iuonis . Elyas de Westona . Nicolaus de Weleham . R. filius Aldreti . Humfridus Puncinus . R. filius Nicolai de Stutauilla . Thomas . frater suus . Rogerus de Caisneto . Simon de Ouilla . R. de Stutuilla . Nicolaus de Stutuilla . Ricardus Cruera .

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6366.]

No early endorsement.

458

**Lansd. Chart. 69r.** Grant by Geoffrey Ridel to John his brother of various lands in the counties of Leicester, Rutland, and Northampton. (Circa 1160.)

Gaufridus Ridel omnibus probis hominibus suis Francis . ⁊ Anglis ⁊ salutem . Volo uos omnes scire me Johanni fratri meo dedisse ⁊ concessisse in feudo ⁊ hereditate Ketelbiam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . ⁊ Warleiam . ⁊ Stantonam . ⁊ Elingham cum pertinentiis suis . ⁊ Scultorp . ⁊ i. carrucatam terre in Auintona . ⁊ seruitium R. filii Hugonis . ⁊ seruitium R. filii Turchetilli . ⁊ seruitium Hugonis filii<sup>3</sup> Gaufridi de Alvers . ⁊ seruitium Mabirie de Glorestona . ⁊ seruitium Willelmi de Flecheneia . ⁊ seruitium R. filii Iuonis de Kibewrda . ⁊ Torp ⁊ Scheftintonam . ⁊ seruitium Lodeuici de Merdefelda . de me ⁊ heredibus meis sibi ⁊ heredibus suis tenendum in perpetuum . et eodem seruitio quod ad easdem terras<sup>4</sup> pertinet . Volo autem ⁊ concedo quod ipse Johannes frater meus predictus ⁊ heredes sui . de me ⁊ heredibus meis predictas tenurias bene ⁊ in pace ⁊ honorifice teneant . sicut Radulfus frater meus . uel aliquis hominum meorum melius . uel honorabilius ⁊ tenent . Istius donationis ⁊ concessionis sunt testes . Radulfus prior de Landa . R. subprior . Hugo cellarius (*sic*) . Ernaldus capellanus . Radulfus Burdet . Elyas clericus de Westona . Nicolaus . clericus de Northamtona . Radulfus Basset . Ricardus Basset . W. Basset . R. filius Hugonis . Ricardus Engaine .

<sup>1</sup> *si* is interlined.

<sup>3</sup> *fili* is interlined.

<sup>2</sup> *amicorum* repeated, but struck through.

<sup>4</sup> Corrected from *eandem terram*.



W. Flandrensis. Hugo Ridel R. filius Iuonis. Ricardus filius uicecomitis. Sanson de Stophastona Bos . R. de Grei . . . Il Walerannus de Silletot . Gaufridus filius . Dunualdi . Herbertus filius Iuonis Hunfridus Poncinus . Rogero Caisneto (*sic*) . R. de Stuteuilla Thomas . frater suus Stephanus filius Saieri . R. filius Aldreti . Et propter hanc donationem Johannes donauit Gaufrido Ridel in recognitionem .i. destrarium . 7 i. anulum auri die qua ipse Johannes filius Johannis fecit humagium domino Gaufrido . Ridel . uidelicet apud Landam . Simon de Ouilli . inde testis.

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Endorsed : Charta de Ketelby (fourteenth century).

## 459

Harl. Chart. 46 F 39. Record that in the court of Robert Grimbald John de Boschervilla has granted and given seisin of his land of Allextun, co. Leicester, to his uncle John de Bachepuise. (Late twelfth century.)

Hec est donatio 7 concessio 7 saisatio quam Johannes de Boscheruilla fecit 7 concessit Johanni de Bachepus<sup>1</sup> auunculo suo . Terram scilicet de Alakestona . cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus<sup>1</sup> ei 7 heredibus suis tenendam de ipso prefato Iohanne de Boscheruilla . 7 de posterioribus suis<sup>1</sup> libere 7 quiete ab omni seruitio ad ipsum Johannem pertenente . pro .i. marca argenti<sup>1</sup> quam ei annuatim redditurus est . Hanc donationem 7 saisiationem fecit 7 concessit prefatus Johannes de Boscheruilla . Johanni auunculo suo . in curia Roberti Grimbaldi qui aduocatus est ipsius feudi . ipso concedente . 7 uxore sua Matilda . 7 filio suo Simone . In hac igitur donatione 7 concessione 7 saisiatione Johannes de Bachepus dedit Johanni<sup>1</sup> nepoti suo Johanni scilicet de Boscheruilla . in testimonium<sup>1</sup> unum affixum auri . 7 domino Roberto Grimbaldi .i. runcinum . 7 uxori sue<sup>1</sup> unum anulum auri . 7 Simoni filio suo<sup>1</sup> unum nisum<sup>1</sup> pro concessione eorum . 7 super hec<sup>1</sup> dedit Johannes de Bachepus Johanni de Boscheruilla . unum equum cum tota sella . Hec itaque facta sunt per consensum 7 concessum Aliz matris ipsius Iohannis de Boscheruilla . cuius maritagium est terra prefata ; Testantibus his . Nicolaus . de Turnebi . Guillelmus capellanus de Halakestona . Ricardus filius Wimundi . Galterus de Bakepus . Ricardus de Normantona . 7 Fulcarius filius eius . Thomas de Westona . Petrus forestarius . Guillelmus de Hohtona . Geruasius frater eius . Radulfus filius Wimundi . Guillelmus filius Roberti Grimbaldi . Rogerus clericus de Tuiford . Michael

<sup>1</sup> Cancelled by pen stroke.

de Prestona . Galfridus de Torp . 7 Guillelmus frater eius . Nigellus filius Nicolai . Fulco de Chospi . Guillelmus de Tichencota . Hugo filius Rogeri . Hosbertus de Flora 7 tota curia Roberti Grimbaudi.<sup>1</sup>

CYROGRAPHVM<sup>2</sup>

Seal : seated figure. Legend obliterated.

No endorsement.

## 460

**Harl. Chart. III D 22.** Grant by Simon Basset, in free marriage with Maud his daughter to Robert son of Reginald de Acle of all Simon's land in Scalford, co. Leicester, all the land which Stephen held of him in Ab Kettleby, co. Leicester, and a rent of eightpence from the mill of Stoke. (Late twelfth century.)

Symon Basset omnibus hominibus suis Francis 7 Anglis salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessu Johannis filii mei 7 heredis Roberto filio Reginaldi de Acle cum filia mea Matilda in liberali maritagio totam terram meam 7 tenementum in Scaldeford . scilicet duas uirgatas terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis intra uillam 7 extra . Et preter has duos toftos . unum quem Galfridus tenuit . 7 Poplestoft . cum pertinenciis suis . Et preter hos molendinum meum de eadem uilla cum pertinenciis suis . Et preter hec' totam terram quam Stephanus tenuit de me in Ketelbi unde reddidit mihi per annum unam marcam argenti . Et preter hec' redditum octo denariorum in molendino de Stokes . Hec omnia predicta prefatus Robertus 7 heredes eius qui de Matilda filia mea nascentur sola 7 quieta tenebunt de me 7 de heredibus meis saluo seruicio forinseco . Et ego 7 heredes mei omnia predicta warantizabimus prefato Roberto 7 heredibus suis de predicta Matilda contra omnes calumpnias 7 calumpniatores . Et si contigerit quod non possim eis predicta warantizare' ego uel heredes mei dabimus eis escambias ad ualitudinem in comitatu de Norhamtuna . Hiis testibus . Willelmo monacho de Keittunia . Willelmo cantore de Pipwelle . magistro Rogero de Ristune . Nicholao filio eius . Henrico de Senliz . Roberto . 7 Ricardo fratre eius de Ristuna . Johanne de Paueli . Willelmo . 7 Reginaldo fratre eius Basset . Rogero de Acle . Godefrido de Ristuna . 7 teste tota curia sua.

Seal : dog. + SIGILL SIMONIS BASSET.

Endorsed : (1) Carte de Akle (circa 1300). (2) Ocle reddit viii denarios de molendino de Stokes (fifteenth century). (3) Carta Simonis Basset facta Roberto filio Reginaldi de Ocle de certis terris etc 7 molendino (fifteenth century).

<sup>1</sup> The last five words are in the same hand as the rest of the charter but were inserted after it was complete.

<sup>2</sup> Cut through, not indented.

## 461

**Harl. Chart. 45 C 40.** Notification that Ansketill has granted one half of Newbold, co. Leicester, to Robert son of Osmund, and has given him the other half in pledge for two marks. (Henry II.)

C I R O G R A P H V M<sup>1</sup>

Sciendum est quod Ansketillus concessit Rotberto filio Osmundi dimidietatem Neoboldie cum pertinenciis . sibi 7 heredi suo iure 7 hereditarie tenendam . de prefato Ansketillo 7 heredibus suis . 7 aliam medietatem inuadiauit Ansketillus (*sic*) Rotberto pro .ii. marcis . 7 tali diuisione quod quando Ansketillus reddiderit .ii. marcas . Rotberto<sup>2</sup> habebit dimidietatem suam quietam . saluo labore Rotberti quem<sup>2</sup> super terram posuerit . 7 tenebit medietatem suam adeo libere 7 quiete . quemadmodum Ansketillus suam medietatem . Hec conuentio fuit facta in presentia domini Iuonis de Harecort . 7 prece Ansketilli . Hanc conuentionem tenendam affidauit Ansketillus Rotberto filio Osmundi . 7 Iuo de Harewecort . plegius super fiduciam . Teste Iuone de Harecort . R. de Creft . Galfrido de Creft . Johanne filio Osmundi . Willelmo fratre Fulconis . Amfrido filio Alsi . Willelmo filio Osmundi . Reginaldo de Roures . Ricardo filio Griffin . Rogero Russel . Randulfo clerico . Petro clerico . Willelmo Lefe (last letter uncertain).

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5616.]

Endorsed : Carta . Anchetilli de medietate de Niuboth (Henry III).

## 462

**Add. Chart. 1048.** Confirmation by Geoffrey of Thorpe to William his brother of half a carucate in Twyford, co. Leicester, given to him by Ralf Geoffrey's father. (Henry II.)

G. de Torp omnibus sancte dei ecclesie fidelibus salutem . Notum sit 7 presentibus 7 futuris quod ego Galfridus de Torp concessi 7 presentis sigilli testimonio communiui Willelmo fratri meo dimidiam carucam (*sic*) terre in Tuifort quam Radulfus pater meus dedit ei . illam uidelicet terram que fuit Seni alden<sup>3</sup> . liberam 7 quietam ab omni seruitio quantum ad me pertinet tenendam de me ipse 7 heredes sui de me 7 de heredibus meis libere 7 honorifice in campis . in pratis . in aquis 7 in pascuis 7 in omnibus consuetudinibus cum omnibus libertatibus suis reddendo annuatim ad pascha . quatuor denarios

<sup>1</sup> Cut through, not indented.

<sup>2</sup> Corrected from some other word.

<sup>3</sup> The word *Seni* comes at the end of a line : it is uncertain what name is represented here.



saluo foraneo seruitio His testibus . Abbate Osoluestunie 7 priore cum omni conuentu eiusdem loci . Rogero de Tuifort . 7 Roberto filio eius 7 Gileberto fratre eius Roberto clerico de Csceftitun . 7 Willelmo fratre<sup>1</sup> eius . Gileberto de Torp 7 Johanne filio eius . 7 Toma fratre eius . Radulfo filio Hugonis 7 Helia fratre eius . Radulfo de Bortesford (*sic*) . 7 Roberto fratre eius . Hugone le Norreis de Dalbi . Giliberto (*sic*) de Hobi 7 Walran fratre eius . Helia filio Hernaldi 7 Roberto fratre eius.

Seal : apparently a woman on horseback. Legend obliterated.

Endorsed : Carta . Galfridi de Thorp . de pura . 7 *quieta elemosina* (late thirteenth century).

## 463

**Add. Chart. 21390.** Grant by Henry of Hastings son of William of Hastings to Maheu son of William de Charun of all Henry's land of Odstone, co. Leicester, except the service of Helyas of Barwell. (Late twelfth century.)

Notum sit tam futuris quam presentibus quod ego Henricus de Hastings filius Willelmi de *Hastinges* dedi & concessi 7 hac carta mea confirmaui Maheo de Charun filio Willelmi de Charun pro homagio 7 seruicio suo totam terram meam de Oddestuna saluo seruicio Helye de Barewelle libere . 7 quiete . honorifice . 7 hereditarie per illud idem seruicium ad quod terra tenetur . Hanc uero terram predictam de Oddestuna predicto dedi Maheo 7 heredibus suis tenendam de me 7 de heredibus meis cum omnibus pertinentiis suis 7 libertatibus sicut unquam liberius illam possedi infra uillam 7 extra in terris arabilibus . in pratis . 7 pascuis . 7 in aquis 7 ut hec rata sint que sunt prescripta : ea sigilli mei inpressione confirmaui . Testibus his . Thoma de *Hastinges* . Willelmo de *Hastinges* . Hogone de Nouilla . Ricardo de *Hastinges* . Radulfo Exceestre Rodberto de Flamuilla . Ricardo de Beuel . Gilleberto de *Hastinges* . Milone de *Hastinges* . Willelmo de Gretingeham . Hugone de *Hastinges* . Oliuero Sarazin . Rodberto Sarazin . Elja de Barewelle Hugone de Herdebi . Baldewino de Charun . magistro Rodberto de Barewelle . 7 multis aliis.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6096.]

No endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> Repeated.

## 464

**Add. Chart. 22572.** Grant by Bertram de Verdun to Wauchelin son of Baldwin and Aeliz his wife of nine virgates in Long Whatton, co. Leicester, which Wauchelin's mother and her ancestors held in the time of Henry I. (Henry II.)

Bertram de Verdum . Ernaldo . dapifero suo 7 omnibus hominibus suis tocus terre sue salutem . Sciatis quia dedi 7 concessi Wauchelino filio Baldewini . 7 Aeliz uxori sue . 7 heredibus suis tenendum de me 7 heredibus meis in feudo 7 hereditate . nouem uirgatas terre in Wattona que sunt de feudo meo . quas mater uxoris predicti Walchelini . 7 antecessores sui . tempore . Henrici . regis prioris tenuit . Quare uolo 7 firmiter precipio . quod prefatus Walchelinus 7 uxor sua . 7 heredes sui bene 7 honorifice . quiete 7 libere ab omnibus seruiiciis . 7 ab omnibus querelis predictam terram teneant . reddendo mihi singulis annis .xx. solidos . Teste Hugone Burdet . Simone de Roppeslaia . Thoma dispensatore . Gileberto de Satgraua . Willemo clerico de Barwa . Blundel . Rogero filio Ernisi . Turstano forestario . Rogero filio Radulfi le blund . 7 multis aliis .

Seal : legend obliterated.

Endorsed : Long Whatton (fifteenth century).

## 465

**Add. Chart. 22012.** Confirmation by John Maleda of the gift of his men of Huthorpe, co. Northampton, to the mother church of Theddingworth, co. Leicester, for the chapel in the village of Huthorpe, namely one acre on either side of the village from each virgate, with provision for the celebration of the sacred offices in the chapel. (Circa 1155.)

Vniuersis sanctę ecclesię fidelibus . Johannes Maleda . salutem . Nouerint tam posteri quam presentes me concessisse 7 confirmasse donationem quam fecerunt homines mei de Huttorp matri ecclesię de Tainguurda pro capella que est in eadem uilla de Huttorp : id est de singulis uirgatis unam acram ex una parte uille . 7 aliam ex altera . Et uolo ut predicta ecclesia de Tainguurda teneat eandem terram in perpetuam elemosinam libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice ea uidelicet conditione quod in ipsa predicta capella diuinum officium celebretur . quemadmodum celebrari debet in capella . 7 ipsi parrochiani de Huttórp inueniant luminaria 7 cetera necessaria in ipsa capella . saluo omni iure matris ecclesię . Huius concessionis sunt testes . Ricardus abbas *Legrecestre* . 7 Anschetillus prior . Ricardus de Oxendona . Willelmus presbiter de

Tainguurda . Walterus Brito . Adam de Clipestona . Radulfus de Huttórp.

Fragment of seal on strip cut from charter.

Endorsed : Carta . Iohannis Malede de elemosina quam homines sui de Huttorph fecerunt matrieci ecclesie de Teinworta (circa 1200).

466

**Harl. Chart. 43 H 13.** Confirmation by Robert bishop of Lincoln to William son of Fardain of four dwellings in Willingtorp to which the latter had proved his right in the bishop's court. (1163-1166.)

. R. dei gratia *Lincolniensis* episcopus . omnibus successoribus suis 7 omnibus fidelibus dei . salutem . Noueritis quod Willelmus filius Fardain euicit in curia nostra ordine iudiciario se 7 heredes suos de nobis 7 succesoribus nostris iure hereditario . iiii mansiones in Willingtorp ab aquilonali parte de Willingtorp<sup>1</sup> cum omnibus que eis adiacent libere 7 quiete ab omni seruicio preter burgagium<sup>2</sup> debere tenere Concedimus igitur 7 presenti carta confirmamus ipsi Willelmo 7 heredibus suis ut predictas mansiones cum prefata libertate tanquam ius hereditarium teneant .<sup>2</sup> His testibus . Radulfo subdecano . Hamone cancellario . Wigero canonico . Willelmo filio Gunteri canonico . Pagano canonico . Rogero paruo canonico . Huberto presbitero . Martino thesaurario . magistro Radulfo canonico Laurentio canonico . Hugone canonico . magistro Malgero . Alexandro clerico . Waltero dapipero (*sic*) episcopi . Malgero de Hattun Rogero de Stoches . Ricardo dapipero (*sic*) de domo episcopi . Pagano hostiario . episcopi . Algaro de Nova terra Gileberto clerico Willelmo clerico Willelmo filio Eissi (*sic*) . Ricardo filio cantoris Hernaldo Uillano . Radulpho Uillano Willelmo de Paris . Warnero . Reginaldo filio Eils Reinbaldo filio Radulfi . Godrico genere (*sic*) Biern . Andrea Uillano . De terra episcopi . Nigello . Orgaro . Martello . Roberto . Walur . Rogero filio Asloc . Willelmo de Binham . 7 alii plures.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 1691.]

No endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> This name has not been identified, but from the reference to *burgagium* as a service due from a tenement there it must have been a suburb of Lincoln.

<sup>2</sup> From this point the writing becomes smaller, and the charter is much stained.



**Add. Chart. 20737.** Grant by Alexander of Pointon to William Brun of Graby of land and meadow in Graby and Dowsby, co. Lincoln, for the service of the sixteenth of a knight. (Late twelfth century.)

Alexander de Pointun . omnibus hominibus Francis 7 Anglis . presentibus 7 futuris salutem . Notum sit uobis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac karta mea confirmasse . Willelmo Brun de Greibi .iii. bouatas terre . 7 tres toftos in Greibi . 7 quartam partem bouate unius . cum tofto quod Radulfus bosse tenuit . 7 unam potiunculam (*sic*) prati . latitudinis duarum acrarum extra Karesdic . 7 septem selliones de Creesh . scilicet duas iuta (*sic*) culturam Acche ex occidentali parte . tercium qui butat super meum croftum . 7 quatuor butant super uiam iuxta uiam de Steinwelle . duos ex una parte uie 7 alios ex altera parte uie . tenendum de me 7 de heredibus meis . illi 7 heredibus suis . liberam 7 quietam propter seruitium sextedecime partis unius militis . Dimidiam acram in pratis de Dusebi . quam Willelmus prepositus tenuit <sup>1</sup> . Testibus . Willelmo de Basingham . Rogero filio Alexandri . Willelmo de Mortun . Rogero Malebranche . Rogero Monaco.

Seal: lion. +SIG . . . . . TVNE.

Endorsed: Greyby Erneys (fifteenth century).

**Harl. Chart. 45 F 16.** Grant by Rannulf de Baiocis and Margaret his wife to Alan of Rippingale of the land which Suen of Kirkby held, Suen consenting to the grant. (Circa 1140.)

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis clericis 7 laicis . Francis 7 Anglis . Rannulfus de Baiocis 7 Margareta sponsa eius salutem . Sciatis nos concessisse huiusque testimonio cartule confirmasse Alano de Repinghale 7 heredi suo de propria uxore sua terram quam Suenus de Cherquebi tenuit ipso Sueno concedente cum suo herede . eodem seruitio quod iste Suenus nobis solebat facere . Si uero Alanus iste sine herede moritur de propria muliere remanet terra in manu nostra . Pro hac autem conuentione nobis dedit ipse Alanus .i. marcam argenti . Hiis testibus . Alano filio Glai . Asthone de Sancto Luca . Rogero de Poncardun . Roberto de Staplefort . Toroudo presbitero . Rogero Farolf . Roberto filio Hugonis . Asfort <sup>2</sup> pistore . Josce

<sup>1</sup> The last ten words are written continuously with the rest of the text and in the same hand, but they are obviously out of place.

<sup>2</sup> This name is written *Afford*, and by a similar confusion of *s* and *f*, the name of the second witness appears as *Asthone*.

dispensatore . Roberto Morin . Hugone capellano qui hanc cartulam scripsit . & multis aliis ; .

Seal on strip from charter : paschal lamb. SOL . TUR MESTOS CELIC' AGN . .

No endorsement.

469

**Add. Chart. 20572. Grant by Hugh de Nevill to Thomas Peverel of a bovate in Lound near Bourne, co. Lincoln. (Late twelfth century.)**

Hugo de Neuilla omnibus amicis suis 7 hominibus suis presentibus 7 futuris . Francis 7 Anglicis salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Tome Peuerel 7 heredibus suis unam bouatam terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in Lund . scilicet illam bouatam quam habuit Baldwinus de Saint Omer . quam dedit comes Simon Alano fratri meo 7 post mortem predicti Alani michi confirmauit . tenendam de me 7 heredibus meis . libere . 7 quiete 7 pacifice . faciendo mihi 7 heredibus meis seruicium uicesime partis unius militis pro omni seruicio . His testibus . Priore de Hellesham Willelmo Clement . Ernisio de Neuilla . Willelmo de Amundeuilla . Willelmo filio Warin . Gileberto de Neuilla . Radulfo de Neuilla de Museton . Gileberto de Arcis . Hugone de Hulesbia . Hugone de Neuilla . 7 Waltero fratre suo . Waltero de Kelebia . Andrea de Wtona . Benedicto de Huneduna . Toma Anglico . Michaelae fratre suo . Rogero filio Hugonis de Hulesbia . Willelmo Morand' . 7 Philippo Escrop . Alano de Barwa Ricardo filio Galfridi de Neuilla . Simone Escrop . Hugone fratre suo . Johanne de Herdmada .

Seal : figure facing with wand in each hand. Legend obliterated.

No endorsement.

470

**Harl. Chart. 50 A 9. Grant by Roger son of Baldwin to Robert son of Gubuld of nine bovates belonging to the fee of Morton, co. Lincoln, and of the service of Alfred of Hacconby belonging to the fee of Robert of Stafford, for the service of half a knight. (Stephen.)**

. Rogerus filius Baldwini . omnibus hominibus suis Francis 7 Anglicis . tam futuris quam presentibus salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse Rodberto filio Gubuldi .ix. bouatas terre de feudo Mortunie . 7 seruicium Aluredi de Hacunebi . de feudo Rodberti de Stafoda (*sic*) per seruicium dimidii militis . feudo 7 hereditate sibi 7 heredibus suis . de me 7 de heredibus meis tenendum . Quare uolo 7 precipio firmiter . quatinus predictus Rodbertus terram predictam 7

seruicium predictum ipse 7 heres suus teneat 7 possideat bene . 7 in pace . libere . 7 quiete . in bosco . in plano . in agris . in uiiis . in semitis . in pascuis . in aquis . 7 in omnibus locis . 7 in omnibus libertatibus in quibus aliquis meorum antecessorum liberius habuit 7 tenuit . Igitur . huius donationis 7 concessionis . isti sunt testes . *Baldwinus* filius *Gilleberti* . *Matillis* uxor *Rogeri* filii *Baldwini* . 7 per eam concessio huius donationis facta fuit . quia eius duarium fuit . 7 *Hubertus* filius *Ernaldi* . *Gaufridus* de la mara . *Radulfus* filius *Gaufridi* . *Willelmus* filius *Walteri* . *Albenius* . *Waleran* . *Hugo* de *Stoches* . *Rodbertus* de *Gimegiis* . *Rodbertus* de *Rullos* . *Henricus* de *Wapia*<sup>1</sup> . *Wido* clericus . *Rodbertus* prepositus de *Brunne* . qui ei terram predictam saisiauit . *Gillebertus* clericus qui hoc bene peregit.

Tag for seal.

No early endorsement.

## 471

**Harl. Chart. 84 H 49.** Grant by *Ernald* de Bosco son of *Ernald* to *Philip* de *Diva* of all *Ernald's* land in *Witham*, *Swayfield*, and *Twyford*, co. *Lincoln*, as seven pounds worth of land, for two parts of the service of one knight; with the provision that if within three years after the translation of bishop *Gilbert Foliot* from *Hereford* to *London* *Ernald* shall not make an exchange with *Philip* the latter shall continue to hold this land and *Ernald* will make up to him ten *libratae* of land from his own patrimony. (1163.)

*Ernaldus* de Bosco filius *Ernaldi* omnibus hominibus suis tam futuris quam presentibus salutem Sciatis me dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse *Philipo* (*sic*) de *Diua* totam terram quam habeo in *Wiuma* 7 in *Soaflet* 7 in *Tuifort* cum suis pertinenciis in uillis in campis in pratis 7 pascuis in aquis in nemoribus pro vii libratis . scilicet . per duas partes seruicii unius militis 7 si infra hos tres annos post translationem episcopi ab *Herefort* ad *Londonias* . scilicet . *Gisleberti Foliot* ei non excambiauero teneat 7 habeat hanc predictam terram cum predictis apendiciis 7 sui heredes de me 7 meis heredibus in feudo 7 hereditate 7 ego perficiam ei x libratas terre de mea hereditate Testibus *Roberto* filio comitis *Legrecestrie* . *Anquetillo* *Mallore* *Willelmo* de *Diua* *Willelmo* de *Chirai* *Hugone* *Burdet* *Radulfo* de *Meheldin* *Roberto* capellano *Radulfo* de *Querceto* *Eustachio* *Martel*

<sup>1</sup> A compendium extends over the last three letters of this word, but its exact meaning is uncertain.



Gisleberto de Caretot Willelmo de Haia Willelmo de Blabi Willelmo filio Hiberti Odone coco Gisleberto de Acra mante.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : De Wiuma en comte de Lyncoll (fifteenth century).

472

**Cott. Chart. xxvii. 123.** Grant by Roger de Molbrai to Roger of Arden of Richard *nepos* of Uviet, Roger's man of the Isle of Axholme. (Henry II.)

Rogerus de Molbrai . dapifero suo . 7 omnibus balliuis suis . 7 omnibus hominibus suis . Francis . 7 . Anglicis . presentibus . 7 futuris . salutem . Notum sit uobis omnibus . me dedisse . 7 concessisse . Rogero de Ardena . Ricardum nepotem Uuiet . hominem meum de Insula . ad terram suam edificandam . 7 restaurandam . Ideo precipio quatinus ipsum teneat . 7 habeat . in bene . 7 in pace ita quod nullus ei inde iniuriam inferat . neque aliquis illum in placitum ponat . His testibus . Radulfo de Belum tunc dapifero . Roberto capellano . Radulfo carbun . Roberto de Bello campo . Balduino clerico ; ;

Thin strip for seal cut from charter.

No early endorsement.

473

**Add. Chart. 20613.** Grant by Simon earl of Northampton to William his chamberlain of three bovates and two tofts in Barton on Humber, co. Lincoln, for the service of the fortieth part of a knight. (Circa 1140.)

. Sýmon comes omnibus hominibus suis Francis 7 Angliis tam presentibus quam futuris . salutem ; Notum sit uobis . me dedisse 7 hac mea karta confirmasse . Willelmo camerario meo .iii. bouatas terre in Bartona . que fuerunt Radulfi filii Grim . cum toftis eisdem bouatis pertinentibus . 7 .i. thoftum . in burgo . 7 .i. thoftum Ailmeri fullonis . illi . 7 heredibus suis . tenendas de me . 7 de heredibus meis . libere . 7 quiete per seruitium .xl. partis unius militis ; His testibus ; priore Brellintunie . Baldwino de Gant . Rogero filio Willelmi . Herberto filio Alardi . Willelmo de Wella . Hugone de Muschcamp . Hugone filio Alardi . Sýmone filio Simonis . Adam de Mundauilla . Rogero filio Hugonis . Waltero de Clotona . Roberto filio Brien . Earnis de Nouilla . Johanne de Hesla . Hugone Scrup . Enrico de Horkestoue . Saffredo camerario . Radulfo filio Grim . Gilleberto Morello . Juliano capellano qui hanc kartam scripsit . apud Folchingham ;

Tag for seal, inscribed . . . m' comes omnibus hominibus suis tam presentibus quam futuris . Notum sit uobis me (same hand).

No early endorsement.

## 474

**Harl. Chart. 51 C 1.** Grant by Gervase of Halton to Lefwin son of Elwin the priest of four bovates formerly held by his father. (Early Henry II.)

Geruasius de Haltuna . Rogero de Beningurde (*sic*) 7 Petro de Gousla . 7 omnibus Francis 7 Anglis salutem . Notum sit tam presentibus quam futuris me concessisse Lefwino filio Elwini presbiteri totam terram patris sui uidelicet .iiii.<sup>or</sup> bouetas terre in feodum 7 hereditatem eodem seruicio quo ei Radulfus de Haltuna frater meus dedit . uidelicet reddendo annuatim .viii. solidos . 7 faciendo unum exenium ualens .xii. nummos . 7 unam carratam feni quando fenum meum adduxero . 7 unam carratam bladi in tempore messis . His testibus . Radulfo canonico de Torentuna . Radulfo de Haltuna canonico de Torentuna . Lamberto de Bolonia canonico de Neuhus . Petro de Gousla . Simone filio Gaufridi . Waltero filio Reginaldi . Ricardo Berner . Delis de Cotes . Alfredo filio Elfwini . Hamone filio Grimaldi . Rannulfo filio Anke . Gileberto filio Geruasii . Berwaldo le white . Outi filius (*sic*) Acche.

Tag for seal cut from charter.

Endorsed : Haltona (fifteenth century).

## 475

**Harl. Chart. 45 F 21.** Grant by Hugh de Baiocis to William his brother of lands in Kelsterne and Thoresway, co. Lincoln, for the tenth of a knight's service. (Henry II.)

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri . me Hugonem de Baiocis dedisse 7 concessisse . 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmasse . Willelmo de Baiocis fratri meo .viii. bouatas terre 7 dimidium in Kelesterne cum toftis ad easdem bouatas prenominate pertinentibus quarum tres 7 dimidium fuerunt Lewini russel . una fuit Galfridi de Chain<sup>1</sup> . una fuit Thoroldi filii Nigelli . & tres bouatas que fuerunt Enchaucii . & toftum cum fontibus . & in Thoreswaia dimidium caruate terre . scilicet Drogum 7 suum toftum 7 eius .ii. bouatas terre . 7 Willelmum filium Reinaldi . 7 suum toftum 7 eius .ii. bouatas terre 7 pomerium meum quod ibi habeo . 7 Alanum molendinarium 7 placeam coram pomerio . 7 dimidium bouate terre cum tofto quod Godricus Guhc tenuit etiamque brucium quod ibi habeo . Has uero terras predictas dedi 7 concessi prefato Willelmo fratri meo in feudo 7 in hereditate sibi 7 heredibus suis tenendas de me 7 heredibus meis . pro humagio 7 seruitio suo . uidelicet faciendo seruitium decime partis unius militis . His testibus . Clemente presbitero . Normanno presbitero .

<sup>1</sup> Possibly *Cham*.

Radulfo filio Ricardi . Egidio de Gausel . Alano de Rowella . Roberto de Baius . Huberto . filio Huberti . Anfrido filio Ricardi . Hugone ianitore . Waltero de Sancto Luz . Waltero de Sancto Laudo . Roberto de Offigtuna . Sýmon de Gausel . Hugone de Baius . magistro Achardo de Wellebi . Ernisio presbitero qui hanc cartam scripsit . multisque aliis . quos longum est enumerare per singula.

Slit only for seal tag.

No early endorsement.

## 476

**Cott. Chart. xii. 21. Grant by Henry de Campania to Gocelin his nepos of a bovat and a half in Humberstone, and two *hagae* in the marsh of Tetney, co. Lincoln. (Henry II.)**

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Henricus de Campania do . 7 hac presenti carta mea carta confirmo Gocelino nepoti meo 7 heredibus suis unam bouatam terre 7 dimidiam in Humbrestan . tenere de me 7 de heredibus meis libere 7 quiete ab omni seruicio quod ad me pertinet uel ad heredes meos reddendo annuatim duos solidos 7 .vi. nummos . scilicet propter bouatam que fuit Thurgot .vi. nummos . et propter dimidiam bouatam que fuit Reginaldi filii Milde duos solidos duobus terminis reddendos . ad festum sancti Botulfi .xviii. nummos . 7 ad festum sancti Martini .xii. nummos . Preterea do ei duas *hagas* in maresco Tataneine (*sic*) scilicet iuxta Hakebrigam in eadem donatione pro seruitio suo . Hii sunt testes . Abbas Johannes de Humbrestan 7 eiusdem loci conuentus . Prior de Parco . Drogo filius Radulfi . Thomas de Humbrestan . Ricardus despenser . Reuel . Angot de Thateneia . 7 alii plures.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : Carta Henrici de Campan . . . (fourteenth century).

## 477

**Harl. Chart. 56 H 43. Sale by Gilbert Testar to William of Grainsby of a selion near the bridge of Haleloda and three selions extending through the middle of Tochemar for one load of wheat when the load was sold for three shillings, and of half an acre in Hulehetoft and an entire acre upon Lit<sup>1</sup> for two loads of wheat and a quarter and eighteen pence, when the load was sold for three shillings. (Henry II.)**

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Gilebertus Testar dimisi 7 uendidi Willelmo de Grenesbi ego 7 heredes mei illi 7 heredibus suis unum seilun terre iuxta pontem de Haleloda alterum a uia . 7 iii

<sup>1</sup> These places cannot be precisely identified, but are certainly in north-east Lincolnshire, and probably in the neighbourhood of Grimsby.



seiluns ex alia parte uille que extendunt per midium (*sic*) Tochemaram usque ad fossatam / pro .i. summa frumenti qua hora uendebatur .iii. solidis : 7 dimidiam acram in Hulehetofta iuxta culturam domini 7 unum (*sic*) acram integram super Lit . pro ii. summis frumenti 7 pro .i. quarterio 7 pro .xviii. denariis . qua hora uendebatur summa .iii. solidis . 7 hanc uendicionem ego 7 heredes mei warentisabimus (*sic*) illi 7 heredibus suis . Testibus . Gilone de Glousle (*sic*) . Willelmo de Hihun . Roberto de Claham . Gileberto sacerdote . Waltero de Baduent . Ricardo fratre domini . Simone de Burch Surd' . Ingeram de Helesham Radulfo de Chelesbi . Hugone de Torpa . Willelmo filio Rogeri . Gileberto clerico qui cartam fecit.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : Halelod (fifteenth century).

## 478

**Harl. Chart. 47 F 49. Sale by John de Calli, for two marks of silver, to Maud wife of Mathew de Hamby of two bovates with two tofts in Cadwell, co. Lincoln. (Henry II.)**

Johannes de Calli . omnibus audientibus hoc scriptum . tam presentibus quam futuris . salutem . Sciatis quod ego Johannes de Calli uendidi Matildi sponse Mathei de Hambi pro duabus marcis argenti totam terram quam tenui in Cathadala de feudo Haraldi filii Roberti . scilicet illam quam idem Haraldus dedit mihi pro seruitio meo . scilicet duas bouatas terre cum duobus thoftis . quas bouatas tenuerunt Gille 7 Niculus cum omnibus pertinenciis . 7 illa Matildis tenebit totam predictam terram . libere . 7 quiete . de predicto Haraldo . reddendo annuatim predicto Haraldo 7 heredibus suis unam libram piperis . ad festum sancti Botulfi . pro omni seruitio quod ad ipsos pertinet . saluo seruitio forinseco . 7 hac est sciendum quod prefata Matildis emit predictam terram ad faciendum de illa . scilicet ad uendendam<sup>1</sup> uel ad dandam prefatam terram cuicunque uoluerit . His testibus . Roberto priore de Lekeburna . Willelmo filio Roberti . Ricardo 7 Waltero 7 Johanne fratribus eius . Roberto filio Willelmi . Roberto de Ferstan . Radulfo de Sais . Willelmo Ribaldi . domina Matildis (*sic*) mater Haraldi . Gileberto paruo ;

Slit for tag.

No early endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> The first four letters of this word look as if they were written upon an erasure.

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 33.** Grant by Philip of Kyme in marriage with Hawisa his daughter to Robert son of Richard of the tenement which the son of Berenger the falconer held of Philip in Hallington, co. Lincoln. (Henry II.)

. Philippus de Kýma omnibus amicis suis 7 hominibus salutem . Notum sit uobis me dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse Roberto filio Ricardi in maritaggio cum Hawisa filia mea totum tenementum quod filius Berengeri falconarii tenuit de me in Halinctona 7 in pertinentiis . 7 seruitium eiusdem tenendum de me 7 de heredibus meis in feodo 7 hereditate libere 7 quiete ab omni seruitio . Et pactum est inter nos quod si ego uel heredes hoc tenementum illi warantizare non poterimus . dabimus illi excambium ad ualentiam illius tenementi de hereditate mea uel uxoris mee . Hoc autem factum est assensu Hawise uxoris mee 7 heredum meorum . His testibus . Sýmone Willelmo Waltero Gilleberto . filiis meis . Willelmo de Mubrai . Sýmone de Chanci . Radulfo filio Osberti Willelmo Ostricero . Ricardo de sancto Petro . Waltero de Pantona . Willelmo filio Ricardi . Henrico Trehamtone . Sýmone Swabi . Johanne 7 Roberto de Maringa . Willelmo de Barwe.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5825.]

No endorsement.

**Harl. Chart. 51 D 22.** Grant by R. de Haia to Herbert son of Aelart of four bovates in Authorpe, co. Lincoln. (Early Henry II.)

R<sup>1</sup> . de Haia . omnibus hominibus suis . clericis . laicis . Nor-mannis Anglicis . salutem . Sciatis 7 cognoscatis me dedisse Herberto filio Aelart .iiii.<sup>or</sup> bouatas terre in Agetorp . sibi 7 suis heredibus . tenendas de me . 7 meis heredibus libere 7 quiete ab omni seruicio quod mihi pertinet<sup>2</sup> pro suo hominio . 7 pro suo seruicio . 7 per espreuerum mutatum unoquoque anno de recognicione . Teste . Hugone Bardol . 7 Gaufrido de Haia . Tomas (*sic*) Malcouenant . Willelmo le fiz Simon . Renalt de Saint Leger . Fromont de Macels . Ricart . de Macels . Galtero le fiz Simon . Roberto . le fiz Raol . Willelmo . le Veltre . Gaufrido . de Neirdoit qui kartam fecit . Valet.

Seal: equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 6090.]

Endorsed: Agtorp (fifteenth century).

<sup>1</sup> It is impossible to be certain what member of this family is denoted by this initial.

<sup>2</sup> *pertinent* may have been written here.

## 481

**Harl. Chart. 54 E 6. Confirmation by Herbert son of Adelard of the grant in Authorpe made by Simon son of Ralf of Grimblethorpe to William of Belleau. (Early Henry II.)**

Herbertus filius Adelardi . omnibus hominibus suis Francis 7 Anglis . tam futuris quam presentibus . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmasse donationem terre quam donauit Simon filius Radulfi de Grimcheltorp Willelmo de Helgeloue . 7 heredibus suis in uilla de Agetorp 7 in campis eiusdem uille . cum omnibus apenticiiis suis . His testibus . Willelmo filio Walteri . Roberto filio suo . Johanne de Horrebi . Waltero filio Walteri . Alano de Welletun . Simone de Grimcheltorp . Alexandro de Blesabi . Thoma Malcuenant . Rogero de Millei . Willelmo de Seis . Ricardo de Lindesia . Hugone de Feribi . Willelmo de Harlestorp . Hugone Monaco . Andrea . filio Ricardi . Herberto filio Herberti . Ricardo de Hamewich . Warino fabro . Willelmo de Marisco . Radulfo de Punchardun . Galfrido Harpin.

Tag for seal.

No endorsement.

## 482

**Harl. Chart. 50 B 8. Notification by Acer son of Laude that he has appointed Robert of Well the heir of all the lands that belong to Acer's inheritance, and, in particular, that he has given him all his land in Harchelcroft and the land which he held of the fee of Haugham, co. Lincoln. (Late twelfth century.)**

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Acerus filius . Laude dedi 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmaui Roberto de Welle 7 heredibus suis totam terram . quam habui . in Harchelcrof . scilicet . dimidiam partem . uersus orientem 7 omne ius quod habui . in illa terra . liberam 7 quietam de me 7 de heredibus meis . predicto Roberto . 7 heredibus suis 7 heredem constitui . de omnibus terris que ad hereditatem meam pertinent ita ut predictus Robertus faciet seruicium quod ad terram predictam pertinet capitalibus dominis . scilicet . ad Natale domini tres . obolos . ad pascha . tres . obolos . ad festum sancti Botulfi . tres obolos . ad festum sancti Michaelis tres . obolos . pro omnibus seruiciis que ad illam terram pertinent . Eadem confirmatione dedi predicto . Roberto . terram quam tenui de feudo de Hacham reddendo dimidiam squelam (*sic*) salis domino illius feuodi (*sic*) . scilicet . ad festum sancti Martini . His testibus Johanne filio Gicheli illo tempore senescaldo . de socna de Gaitun Herberto de Lecheburne . Filippo de Besebi . Ricardo filio .



Roberti de Chunighesholm Odone Galle . Johanne de Sumercotes  
Roberto Hachet . Giliberto de Mannebi . Hugone Neucumen .  
Willelmo de Asforhebi . Roberto de Waus . 7 multi alii liberi homines  
de soca.

Tag only for seal.

No early endorsement.

## 483

**Harl. Chart. 56 E 2.** Grant by Maud of Stafford to her god-daughter Maud daughter of Robert son of Gilbert of the whole tenement in Theddlethorpe, co. Lincoln, held by Torverd le mutere and Gilbert his son, and of Torverd and Gilbert themselves with all their issue. (Henry II.)

Sciunt presentes 7 futuri quod ego Matildis de Stafford concessione Johannis filii mei et Radulfi nepotis mei dedi et concessi 7 hac carta mea confirmaui Matildi filie Roberti filii Gilberti filiole mee et heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate et in engiis . totum tenementum quod Toruerdus le mutere et Gilebertus filius eius tenuerunt de me in uilla de Tedlauetorp<sup>1</sup> . cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . et ipsum Toruerdum 7 Gilebertum filium eius cum tota secta eorum . Tenendum de me et heredibus meis illi 7 heredibus suis libere et quiete iure hereditario . faciendo forinsecum seruicium quantum ad predictum tenementum pertinet . Hiis testibus Osberto capellano . Anketino de Cestria . Willelmo filio Otueri . Rannulfo . de Seis<sup>2</sup> . Ingeramo Bagot . Humfrido filio Walteri.

Seal. [B. M. Cat. 6714]

No early endorsement.

## 484

**Harl. Chart. 56 G 2.** Confirmation by Ralf de Suleya to Maud de Hambi of the tenement which Maud of Stafford her grandmother gave her in Theddlethorpe and of the land which Harald her brother gave her in the same place. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam futuris quam presentibus Radulfus de Suleya filius Radulfi de Suleya salutem . Nossat (sic) universitas uestra me concessisse 7 hac carta mea confirmasse Matildi de Hambi et heredibus suis totum tenementum quod Matildis de Staforda auia sua ei dedit in feudo et hereditate 7 in engiis . scilicet totam terram quam Toruerdus le mutere tenuit de predicta Matildi de

<sup>1</sup> The first three letters of this name are separate from the rest.

<sup>2</sup> *de Seis* is written as one word.

Staforda in Tedlauetorp cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . Et preterea concessi ei totam terram quam Haraldus frater eius ei dedit in eadem willa de Tedlauetorp cum omnibus pertinenciis suis plenarie . Hiis testibus . Willelmo Russel . Willelmo de Seis . Ricardo Russel . Henrico de Ses . Willelmo fratre eius . Radulfo de Suleia.

Tag for seal : on which is written *Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Radu.* There are traces of other writing.

Endorsed : de Thedelthorp (circa 1300).

## 485

**Harl. Chart. 56 G 3.** Another form of the same confirmation.  
(Late twelfth century.)

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Radulfus de Suleya concessi 7 hac carta mea confirmaui Matildi de Hambi 7 heredibus suis totum tenementum quod Matildis de Estafford auia mea ei dedit tenendum in feudo 7 hereditate et in engiis . scilicet totam terram quam Gilebertus le mutere tenuit de feudo predictae Matildis de Estafford in Tedlauetorp 7 preterea concessi ei 7 heredibus suis totam terram quam Haraldus frater eius ei dedit in eadem willa de Tedlauetorp . cum omnibus pertinenciis plenarie . Hiis testibus . Ricardo de Suleya . Willelmo de Harreddeshulla . Willelmo de Seis Hugone de Claw[o]rthe . Willelmo filio Godwini . Radulfo de Seis.<sup>1</sup>

Seal : almost obliterated.

No early endorsement.

## 486

**Harl. Chart. 52 G 36.** Grant by Philip of Kyme to master Robert of Saleby of four acres of meadow in Huttoft, co. Lincoln.  
(Henry II, after 1169.)

Phylippus de Kyma omnibus qui sunt 7 qui futuri sunt salutem . Notum sit uobis me dedisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse magistro Roberto de Salebi . 7 heredibus suis . quatuor acras prati scilicet in Maiolf land in pratis de Hotoft . iuxta pratum quod tenet Osbertus de Lincolnia ad tenendum de me 7 heredibus libere 7 quiete reddendo mihi uel heredibus meis unam libram cumini ad natiuitatem sancti Johannis baptiste pro omni seruitio . His testibus . Hugone abbate de Reuesbi . Lamberto priore de Kyma . Rogero de Benigwurda . Gileberto filio eius . Willelmo . Gileberto . filiis meis . Waltero de Auford . Waltero de Suabi . Spiri . Henrico tegulario.

Seal : equestrian. [B. M. Cat. 5821.]

No early endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> Charters 483 to 485 are written in the same hand.

Harl. Chart. 57 F 48. Grant by Robert of Well to William Ruffus his kinsman of a bovate in Well and two acres of meadow in or near Bonthorpe, co. Lincoln. (Late twelfth century.)

Robertus de Wellia omnibus hominibus suis ⁊ amicis . ⁊ hanc cartam audientibus salutem . Sciatis me dedisse ⁊ concessisse . ⁊ hac mea presenti carta confirmasse Willelmo Ruffo cognato meo . ⁊ heredibus suis unam bouatam terre in Wellia quam Walterus Flammengus tenuit . in tofto . in crofto . in campis . in uiis . in communi pastura . ⁊ cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . et in cremento . duas acras prati in Neulando de Bruntorp . proximas Redfenno . ex parte occidentali . ad tenendum de me ⁊ de heredibus meis . in feudo ⁊ hereditate . libere . ⁊ quiete . reddendo singulis annis mihi ⁊ heredibus meis duos solidos ad festum sancti Botulfi . pro omni seruicio quod ad nos pertinet . saluo forinseco seruicio . ⁊ terram prenominatam ego ⁊ heredes mei warantizabimus predicto Willelmo ⁊ heredibus suis contra omnes homines . His testibus . Nicolao capellano . Umfrido filio Walteri . Waltero fratre eius . Eudone de Batheuent . Radulfo de Bilesbi . Baldrico de Grendale . Rogero de Milei . Philippo de Wellia . magistro Willelmo . Sýmone clerico de Maltebi . Ernisio de Besebi . Gileberto filio Willelmi . Willelmo de Wilghebi . Eudone filio Gocelini.

Seal: sleeve. +SIGILL . . . . . TI DE WELL.

Endorsed: Welle (fifteenth century).

Harl. Chart. 50 F 33. Grant by Robert de Gant to Robert of Well of eight acres in Salterhaga near Skendleby, co. Lincoln. (Late twelfth century.)

Rodbertus de Gant . omnibus hominibus tam Francis quam Anglicis presentibus ⁊ futuris salutem . Sciatis me dedisse ⁊ concessisse . ⁊ hac presenti karta mea confirmasse . Rodberto de Wella ⁊ heredibus suis in feudo ⁊ hereditate . octo acras terre in Salterhaga scilicet ex nort parte uie que uocatur Schepegate uersus boscum<sup>1</sup> predicti Rodberti de Wella tenendum de me ⁊ heredibus meis reddendo mihi ⁊ heredibus meis singulis annis .vi. denarios ad festum sancti Botulfi pro omni seruicio quod ad predictam terram pertinet . His testibus . Sýmone de Kima . Philippo<sup>2</sup> de Tatrehalla . Henrico de Gant . Waltero de

<sup>1</sup> The *b* is corrected from *p*.

<sup>2</sup> There is a compendium through the *l*.



Scotenia . Yūone de Barkwortha . Waltero de Wella . Sýmone de Canci . Galfrido de Gant . Willelmo de Gant . Helýsio de Brand' . Ernis de Besebia . Gilberto de Lekeburna . 7 multis aliis.

Tag for seal and fragment of red wax.

Endorsed : Salterhagh Skendleby (fifteenth century).

## 489

**Harl. Chart. 57 G 22.** Grant by Reiner of Welton to Richard of Swinethorpe of two bovates in Welton le Marsh and Sloothby, co. Lincoln, as Teodbald Richard's grandfather held them in the time of king Henry. (Late twelfth century.)

Reinerus de Welletona omnibus hominibus suis 7 amicis Francis 7 Anglicis presentibus 7 futuris salutem . Notum sit uobis omnibus me donasse 7 concessisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse Ricardo de Sunetorp 7 heredibus suis .ii. bouatas terre in Welletona 7 Slothebi cum omnibus pertinenciis que eidem terre pertinent . in feodum 7 hereditatem tenendam de me 7 heredibus meis libere 7 quiete sicuti unquam Teodbaldus auus suus melius 7 liberius 7 quiecius tenuit tempore . H. regis . Reddendo annuatim .iiii. sólidos ad .iii. terminos . ad unumquemque terminum .xvi. denarios . 7 forensse (*sic*) seruicium de una ipsarum bouatarum terre . Testibus . Waltero filio Reineri . Stephano camerario <sup>1</sup> . Osberto de Pantun . Osberto de Langetun . Waltero fratre Reineri . Waltero filio Willelmi . Randulfo homine Thome Pilet . Willelmo de Glentheim . Roberto de Hardestorp . Willelmo 7 Waltero filiis eius.

Fragment of seal tag.

Endorsed : Weltona (fifteenth century).

## 490

**Harl. Chart. 55 E 10.** Grant by earl William of Lincoln to Peter of Goxhill of ten *libratae* of lands: five at Hundleby in Bolingbroke soke, and five between Aisby and Helmswell, co. Lincoln. (Circa 1145.)

Willelmus consul Lincolie omnibus hominibus 7 amicis suis Francis Anglicis . salutes . Sciatis quod ego dedi Petro de Gosla pro seruitio suo centum solidatas terre in socca de Bullinbroca apud Hundelbiam . & inter terram de Asebia 7 illam terram de Helmeswella dedi ei pro centum solidatis terre pro seruitio unius militis . sibi & heredibus suis tenendum hereditario iure de me & de meis heredibus . scilicet pro

<sup>1</sup> Corrected from *camerarius*.

decem libratis terre *inter totum* dedi sibi supradictas terras . His testibus . Hadewisa comitissa Stephano capellano . Roberto Carbunello . Huberto de Malmetona dapifero . Roberto clerico . Herberto de Calz.<sup>1</sup>

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : Hundelby (fourteenth century).

## 491

**Harl. Chart. 55 E 14.** Grant by William de Roumara to David the priest of Toynton son of Haldan the doctor of a toft in Toynton.<sup>2</sup> (Henry II.)

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Willelmus de Roumara . concessi ⁊ dedi ⁊ hac mea presenti carta confirmaui Dauid sacerdote de Totintona . filio Haldani medici quendam toftum in uilla Totintone . cum omnibus liberis communis eiusdem uille . qui toftus uocatur Littel welle croft . quem toftum Gocelinus tenuit . scilicet adeo integre ut idem Gocelinus eundem toftum tenuit . Tenendum de me ⁊ de heredibus meis libere . quiete . ⁊ honorifice . ab omnibus seruiciis ⁊ ab omnibus consuetudinibus reddendo mihi ⁊ heredibus meis per annum ⁊ unam libram kumini tantum . scilicet ad festum sancti Botulfi . Et hunc toftum prenominatum cum omnibus liberis communis eiusdem uille dabit predictus Dauid sacerdos hereditarie cuicunque filiorum suorum ille uoluerit saluo tantum seruicio pre-nominato quod ego ⁊ heredes mei inde habere debuerimus per annum sicut in hac carta predictum est . Hiis testibus Rogero capellano . Rogero clerico . Greggorio (*sic*) de Beningwurda . Gileberto de Beningwurda . Willelmo de Mannebi Hugone de Warewic . Johanne filio Gerardi . Johanne Karbunello Alano de K[irche]bi . Simone filio Simonis Simone de Bulonia . ⁊ pluribus aliis.

Slit only for seal tag.

No early endorsement.

## 492

**Cott. Chart. xxvii. 63.** Grant by Geoffrey son of Albric of Martin to Roland son of William of Woodhall of three bovates in Martin near Horncastle, co. Lincoln, of the fee of Simon of Driby. (Late Henry II.)

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Galfridus filius

<sup>1</sup> This charter was never grammatical, and is now very faded.

<sup>2</sup> Either Toynton All Saints or Toynton St. Peter in the soke of Bolingbroke, co. Lincoln.

Albrici de Martun concessi 7 omnino quieteclamaui 7 hac carta mea confirmaui Rolando filio Willelmi de Wdehalle 7 heredibus suis . tres bouatas terre in Martun de feodo Simonis de Drieibi liberas 7 quietas de me 7 heredibus meis cum omnibus pertinenciis infra uillam 7 extra . scilicet quicquid habetur in eadem uilla de prenominato feodo excepto uno tofto quod Colsuain tenuit 7 excepta una bouata terre eidem tofto adiacenti cum omnibus pertinenciis infra uillam 7 extra Hanc concessionem 7 quietamclamacionem 7 confirmacionem feci prenominato Rolando 7 heredibus suis pro quietaclamacione quam prefatus . R. fecit mihi de releuo (*sic*) suo quod petebat a me de toto prenominato tenemento integre 7 pro .v. marcis argenti quas insuper mihi persoluit . Si uero mater mea uel aliquis suorum uel meorum unquam prenominatum Rolandum uel heredes suos uexare uoluerit . ego 7 heredes mei eis prenominatum tenementum contra eos warantizabimus . 7 hoc affidaui 7 iuraui . Hiis testibus . Johanne de Wdehalle . Alano de Martun Willelmo de Wdehalle Henrico fratre suo Galfrido de Enderbi Petro de Rugtun Ricardo de Marum Rogero filio Albrici . Aluredo de Martun . Roberto filio Roberti Roberto filio Galfridi Radulfo fratre suo.

Slit for seal tag.

No early endorsement.

## 493

**Harl. Chart. 52 D 21. Grant by William of Keal to Geoffrey the fisherman of Coningsby of a toft for sixteen pence yearly, so that Geoffrey shall find for William a man to carry him or his men by boat as far as the sweet waters of the Witham flow. (Circa 1200.)**

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Willelmus de Kela dedi 7 concessi 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmaui Galfrido piscatori de Cuningesbi unum toftum cum pertinenciis suis infra uillam 7 extra uillam libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice illi 7 heredibus suis . scilicet . illud toftum quod fuit Wlmari Biscop tenendum de me 7 de heredibus meis in feodo 7 hereditate reddendo annuatim mihi 7 heredibus .xvi. denarios . ad festum sancti Botulfi . Et ipse predictus Galfridus 7 heredes sui inuenient michi 7 heredibus meis hominem qui me debeat cariare per nauem uel homines meos quos in loco meo assignauero quam longe aqua dulcis cursum suum protendit . Et ego 7 heredes mei inueniemus homini predicti Galfridi 7 heredum suorum cibum suum quamdiu fuerit in meo seruicio usque ad meum reditum . Hiis testibus . Simone de Kima . 7 Philippo filio suo . Henrico de Langetun . Adam clerico de



Cuningesbi . Roberto filio Tori . Thoma filio Bartholomei . Willelmo Baumis . Henrico filio Gilli<sup>1</sup> . Alano parcatore ⁊ multis aliis.

Fragment of equestrian seal. [B. M. Cat. 6138.]

No endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> There is no compendium to this name, which must therefore represent ON. *Gilli*. In the reign of Henry III, a Walter *filius Henrici filii Gille* attested a charter in the Kirkstead cartulary relating to this part of Lincolnshire (Cott. Vesp. E xviii. 153 b).

## XI. CHARTERS OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER

THE sixty-three charters which follow form part of the great collection of twelfth- and thirteenth-century texts preserved in the Public Record Office among the records of the Duchy of Lancaster.<sup>1</sup> They fall naturally into two main series. The longer, relating to land within the soke of Bolingbroke, comprises twenty-eight charters which extend from the earliest years of Stephen's reign to the close of the twelfth century.<sup>2</sup> They are valuable as revealing something of the history of the fees created in the Norman age within this ancient franchise. Later in average date, but perhaps of greater interest, is a group of twenty charters<sup>3</sup> relating to the villages of Saltfleetby, Skidbrooke, and Somercotes, which illustrate the tenurial relationships established among the independent peasantry of east Lincolnshire. Of the remainder, two grants by earl Rannulf II of Chester are remarkable both for form and content.<sup>4</sup> Most of these charters are entered in the second volume of the Great Coucher of the Duchy, and each charter when copied was endorsed with a numeral indicating its place in this register. The accuracy of this magnificent manuscript is less remarkable than the beauty of its illumination, but it supplies the text of a number of passages in original charters which could be read in the fifteenth century but are now illegible.

### 494

**D. of L. Royal Charters 39.** Confirmation by queen Eleanor, wife of Henry II, to Maud countess of Chester of her wapentake and hundred of Repton, co. Derby. (Probably 1158.)<sup>5</sup>

A. regina Anglorum ducissa Aquitanorum 7 Normannorum . 7 comitissa Andegauorum uicecomiti de Derbi scira . salutem . Precipio quod Matildis comitissa de Cestria habeat suum waupentac (*sic*) 7

<sup>1</sup> Five twelfth-century charters relating to this region have been printed from the originals in the Duchy muniments by Round, *Ancient Charters* (Pipe Roll Society), Nos. 1, 23, 33, 36, 39.

<sup>2</sup> Nos. 499-526.

<sup>3</sup> Nos. 536-555.

<sup>4</sup> Nos. 496, 497.

<sup>5</sup> Assigned to this date by Eyton, *Court, Household, and Itinerary of King Henry II*, 42.

hundredrum (*sic*) de Rapendona ⁊ omnes libertates ⁊ consuetudines suas .  
⁊ teneat bene ⁊ in pace ⁊ quiete sicut tenebat die qua dominus rex  
nouissime transfretauit . ⁊ ita plenarie habeat sicut comes Rannulfus  
melius ⁊ quocius habuit tempore regis Henrici . aui domini mei . ⁊  
nisi feceris iusticia regis ⁊ mea faciat fieri . Teste . Joscelino de Bailol  
apud Saresburiam.

Left-hand lower corner of charter torn away by detachment of seal.

No early endorsement.

495

**Ancient Deeds L. 2240.** Grant by Robert Blanchesmaines earl of  
Leicester to William de Chiray of ten *libratae* of land in Burton  
Lazars, co. Leicester. (Circa 1170-1175.)

Robertus comes Legrecestrie . omnibus hominibus suis Francis ⁊  
Anglis tam presentibus quam futuris ⁊ salutem . Sciatis me dedisse . ⁊  
concessisse Willelmo de Chiray pro homagio suo ⁊ seruicio . ⁊ ligiantia  
.x. libratas terre quas habebam in Burtona ⁊ pro .x. libratibus terre de  
sterlingis quas ei debebam . sibi ⁊ heredibus suis tenendas de me ⁊ de  
heredibus meis in feodo ⁊ hereditate per medietatem seruicii . unius  
militis . tali conditione quod si eschaeta mihi casu in manum uenerit ⁊  
quod ei ad grantum suum rationabile excambium dabo . Et tunc  
predicte .x. librate terre de dominio meo de Burtona redibunt in  
manum meam ad uoluntatem meam inde faciendam . Testibus .  
Roberto capellano . Wiberto capellano . Willelmo Burdet . Willelmo  
de Diua . Roberto de Sachenuilla . Gilberto de Cuppigneio . Gilberto  
de Charneles . Rogero<sup>1</sup> de Granforda Hugone de Dunham.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : (1) Carta Roberti comitis Leycestrie de decem libratibus  
terre datis Willelmo de Chiray (Henry III). (2) vii. scripta. [D. of L.  
Misc. Books, ii. 46, vii.]

496

**D. of L. Cart. Misc., vol. ii, p. 61.** Grant by Rannulf II earl of  
Chester to Hugh Bardulf of the whole desmesne of the earl's  
manor of Waddington with certain specified reservations.<sup>2</sup>  
(1142-1153.)

Rannulfus comes Cestrie . constabulario . dapifero . baronibus .  
castellanis . [constabulario]<sup>3</sup> vicecomiti . ministris . ⁊ omnibus

<sup>1</sup> Corrected from *Roberto*.

<sup>2</sup> The surface of this charter is badly decayed. Words within brackets are  
supplied from the copy in the Great Coucher of the Duchy of Lancaster, vol. ii,  
but the decay had evidently begun before the Great Coucher was written.

<sup>3</sup> So in the Great Coucher. In the original the initial *co* followed at a short  
interval by an *s* can still be read.



hominibus suis Francis ⁊ Anglis . clericis ⁊ laicis ⁊ salutem . Sciatis me [dedisse] Hugoni<sup>1</sup> Bardulfo pro seruicio suo . totum dominicum meum de manerio meo Wadintonie . excepta . . . .<sup>2</sup> sancti Templi Jerussalem (*sic*) . uidelicet .c. solidatas terre ⁊ .x. ⁊ excepta terra Spilemani camerarii mei . scilicet . ploxlandam . unam . ⁊ excepta terra Anshetilli seruientis . ⁊ Willelmi Beedow'<sup>3</sup> . in feodo ⁊ hereditate sibi ⁊ heredibus suis . Et nisi ibi de dominio meo .xl. librate terre fuerint ⁊ alibi ei perficiam de hereditate mea iuxta warandum meum ⁊ suum . in Lindesia . Eapropter uolo ⁊ firmiter precipio . quod ipse Hugo . ⁊ heredes sui de me ⁊ de heredibus meis predictam tenuram teneat . per francum seruicium trium marcarum . bene ⁊ honorifice [in uilla] ⁊ extra . in foro ⁊ mercato . in bosco ⁊ plano . in pratis ⁊ pascuis in uis ⁊ semitis . in aquis ⁊ molendinis . in stagnis ⁊ piscariis . cum soca ⁊ s[aca] ⁊ tol ⁊ [th]eom . ⁊ infangetheof . ⁊ cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus ⁊ libertatibus . Testibus . comite Willelmo [Lincolnie] Radulfo de Haia . ⁊ Normanno de Verdun ⁊ Roberto Greuesac . ⁊ Simone filio Willelmi ⁊ . . . .<sup>4</sup> osturcario . ⁊ Gisleberto Neuille . [⁊ Willelmo] Coleuille . ⁊ Willelmo [pincerna] ⁊ Ricardo pincerna . ⁊ R[oberto d]e Truer' . ⁊ Willelmo Bacun ⁊ [Rogero de Tuc] ⁊ Willelmo . . . . .<sup>5</sup> ⁊ Hamelino Bardulfo . ⁊ Roberto Englebie . ⁊ Willelmo capellano .

The lower left-hand corner of the charter is torn away, presumably by the detachment of the seal and the strip by which it hung.

Endorsed : iii.<sup>a</sup> scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 475 b, iii.]

## 497

D. of L. Cart. Misc., vol. ii, p. 74. Grant by Rannulf II earl of Chester to Robert de Folinuc the butler of the land of 'Tortlaia',<sup>6</sup> which Ralf of Claxby held. (Circa 1150.)

:R: comes Cestrie . constabulario . dapifero . baronibus . vicecomiti . ministris . ⁊ ballidis (*sic*) . ⁊ omnibus hominibus suis de Lindesia . Francis ⁊ Anglis ⁊ salutem . Sciatis me dedisse in feodo . ⁊ hereditate . Roberto de Folinuc' . pincerne . ⁊ heredibus suis . pro seruicio suo . quod patri meo ⁊ mihi postea . fecit . totam terram ⁊ tenuram de Tortlaia . quam Radulfus de Clachesbia ibi tenuit ⁊ habuit . in uilla

<sup>1</sup> This name is quite obliterated, but may be supplied from line 10 on this page.

<sup>2</sup> A decayed patch occurs here sufficient for some such word as *elemosina*.

<sup>3</sup> The Great Coucher reads *Beedow*, but the third letter is certainly *e*.

<sup>4</sup> Illegible; the Great Coucher reads simply *J*.

<sup>5</sup> The Great Coucher reads *Willelmo ⁊ Hamelino Bardulf*, but in the original an illegible patch sufficient for about three words follows *Willelmo*.

<sup>6</sup> The *Turlai* of DB. i. 351, now represented by Minting Park, co. Lincoln.

7 extra . in hominibus 7 pecunia . in bosco 7 plano . 7 in omnibus aliis rebus . ad tenendum de me ipse 7 heredes . sui . 7 de heredibus meis . Eapropter uolo 7 firmiter precipio . quod predictus Robertus . 7 heredes sui . ita bene 7 honorifice predictam tenuram teneant . cum omnibus libertatibus 7 consuetudinibus . sicut aliquis de baronibus meis . *Lindesie* . qui melius 7 honorabilius tenuram suam tenet . pro omni seruicio . mutando mihi singulis annis .i. osturium . cum ad domum suam sicut homo liber . a curia mea disscesserit (*sic*) . Et quamdiu in curia mea ipse 7 heredes sui in mýsterio mihi sicut iustum fuerit seruierint . de illo . 7 de omnibus aliis seruiciis sint quieti . Et teneant bene 7 honorifice . in uilla . 7 extra . in foro 7 mercato . in bosco 7 plano . in pratis 7 pascuis . in molendinis 7 aquis . in piscariis 7 stagnis . 7 in omnibus aliis locis . cum soca . 7 saca . 7 toloneo . 7 theoma . 7 infangetheof . ne super forisfacturum meum ei uel suis iniuria uel contumelia fiat . Et pro hac concessione 7 donacione . dedit mihi . predictus Robertus .i. faluum dexterarium bonum . in presencia baronum meorum . apud *Lincolniam* . in domo mea . Testibus . Normanno . de Verdun . 7 Rogero filio Ricardi . nepote comitis . 7 Roberto Greuesac . 7 Gaufrido Malebissa . 7 Mainone capellano . 7 Ricardo pincerna . 7 Gaufrido dispensario . 7 Hugone osturcario . 7 Serlone . uenatore . 7 Roberto filio Hugonis . 7 Wilhelmo pincerna . 7 Waltero de Hambia . 7 Willelmo de Costenciis . 7 Philippo . camerario . 7 Spilemanno . 7 Willelmo de Bouilla . 7 Roberto de Boiuilla (*sic*) . 7 Rannulfo . ostiario . 7 Radulfo . iusticia . 7 Gaufrido . nepote Bocardi . 7 Gaufrido nepote Ricardi Bacun . 7 Turgerro (*sic*) *Lincolnie* . 7 Willelmo . ac Ricardo capellanis . 7 Herberto coco . apud *Lincolniam*.<sup>1</sup>

Signs that the seal has been suspended by a strip and torn away.

Endorsed: Tortleȝa lxxxix . scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 252, lxxxix.]

498

**Ancient Deeds L. 2495.** Final concord made in the earl of Chester's court at Greetham between Graelenc de Runcamp and Richard of Irby his man. (Late twelfth century.)

Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia comitis Cestrie apud Graham super causa que uertebatur inter Graelencum de Runcamp 7 Ricardum de Irebi hominem eius de decem solidatis firme . 7 liberis foraneis seruiciis trium bouetarum terre 7 dimidie . quam (*sic*) petitionem totam utriusque partis . idem Graelencus dimisit 7 omnino quietam clamauit a se 7 ab heredibus eius . eidem Ricardo 7 heredibus eius . pro

<sup>1</sup> In the same hand as No. 496.

bouata terre tota que fuit Ouke filii Luuer' in Freskena . quam totam 7 integram cum omnibus pertinenciis 7 sine omni retenemento idem Ricardus dedit ideo 7 omnino quietam clammauit (*sic*) a se 7 ab heredibus eius eidem Graelenco domino suo 7 heredibus eius per hanc concordiam . 7 tenendo ipse 7 heredes quatuor alias bouatas suas terre pro duodecim solidis annuatim reddendis eidem Graelenco 7 heredibus eius 7 faciendo foranea seruicia inde que eis pertinent Hiis testibus Rannulfo . de Praers . Philipo . de Praers . Hascuillo de Praers . Radulfo de Bilesbi . Hosberto de Langetun . Roberto de Saltorp . Roberto de Eisterbi 7 pluribus aliis.

C I R O G R A P H V M<sup>1</sup>

Seal at head of text: animal. + SIGILL . . . . IREBI.

Endorsed: Friskenay. xxvi. scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 289, xxvi.]

## 499

**Ancient Deeds L. S. 251.** Notification by William de Roumara, afterwards earl of Lincoln, that his men, clerks and knights, for love of him and at his request but not by way of custom, have enclosed his wood of Bolingbroke. (Circa 1135.)

Willelmus de Roumara omnibus hominibus suis 7 amicis tam presentibus quam futuris Francis 7 Anglis clericis 7 laicis salutem . Sciatis quod homines mei clerici 7 milites pro amore mei 7 petitione clausurunt uirgutum (*sic*) meum de Bolinbroc . Et nolo ut heredes mei ab eis nec heredibus suis pro consuetudine hoc clament habere . quia hoc pro amore 7 petitione mei fecerunt . et nulla consuetudine mihi nec heredibus meis hoc debent facere . Valet . His testibus . Rogero clerico . Waltero Becche . Roberto Marmiun . Item valet.

Seal: equestrian; legend obliterated.

Endorsed: (1) Scriptum Willelmi Roumara domini de Bolingbroka de clausuris virgulti de Bolinbroka. (2) Bolingbrok. (3) xi. scripta (all fifteenth century). [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 234 b, xi.]

## 500

**Ancient Deeds L. S. 273.** Grant by William de Roumara earl of Lincoln to Walter of Benniworth of land in Little Steeping and Halton Hologate in exchange for Walter's land of Bullington. (1142-1151.)

Willelmus de<sup>2</sup> Roumara comes *Lincolnie* omnibus amicis 7 hominibus suis Francis 7 Anglis salutes . Sciatis quod ego dedi 7 concessi in excambio de terra Bulintone Waltero de Beniggeworda : hoc

<sup>1</sup> Cut through, not indented.

<sup>2</sup> Corrected from *der*.



quod habebam in Stepinges . excepto seruitio Hugonis filii Roberti .  
7 concessi sibi similiter .iii. bouatas in Haltona . His testibus Herberto  
de Calz . Osberto fratre eius Toma fratre eius . Rogero fratre eius  
Widone de Rusedala . Alano filio<sup>1</sup> Glai . Willelmo filio Uitalis .  
Petro de Golsa . Waringo de Potuilla . Waltero filio Osberti .  
Willelmo puero filio comitis.

Seal : imperfect equestrian, on strip cut from charter. + SI . . . .  
WILLEL . . . . ARA CO . . . .

Endorsed : Steping ii.<sup>a</sup> scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 284 b, ii.]

501

**Ancient Deeds L. S. 274.** Grant by William de Roumara, son of  
earl William, to the lady Lucy, Roger of Benniworth's mother,  
of the service of Hugh of Steeping. (Circa 1150.)

Willelmus . de Roumara filius comitis Willelmi omnibus hominibus  
suis Francigenis 7 Anglicis salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse .  
dominae (*sic*) Lucie matri Rogeri Beninguardie . in feudo 7 hereditate .  
seruicium Hugonis Stepingie quod mihi 7 meis predessoribus (*sic*) facere  
solebat . ut Hugo 7 suus heres<sup>2</sup> ei faciat 7 suo heredi idem seruicium .  
Testibus . Herebereto (*sic*) de Calz Rodberto de Bulonia Rogero de  
Calz Henrico de Maletot Ricardo filio Rodberti Odone filio Chetel-  
berti Bernardo de Lillabona . Roegero de Calz<sup>3</sup> . Nicolao . preposito<sup>3</sup>.

Seal : equestrian. + SIG . . . . M . . . . . DE ROM . . A.

Endorsed : Stepinga .iii.<sup>a</sup> scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 284 b, iii.]

502

**Ancient Deeds L. S. 279.** Acknowledgement by Matthew of Benni-  
worth that Roger of Benniworth his brother gave him the  
village of Little Steeping, the service of Hugh of Steeping, and  
three bovates in Halton Holegate, upon condition that if  
Matthew should die without heir by his wife this land and  
service should revert to Roger's demesne. (Henry II.)

Matheus de Benigwrda omnibus amicis suis Francis 7 Anglicis  
salutem . Notum uobis sit quod Rogerus frater meus de Benigwrda  
dedit 7 concessit mihi 7 heredibus meis totam uillam de Stepinga in  
feudo 7 hereditate tenendam de eo 7 heredibus suis . in aquis . in  
molendinis . in monasteriis . in pratis . 7 mariscis . 7 in omnibus que  
ad predictam uillam pertinent . per seruicium dimidii militis . Dedit .

<sup>1</sup> The second i is interlined.

<sup>2</sup> Hugo 7 suus heres interlined.

<sup>3</sup> These two names are written in the same hand as the rest of the charter, but  
in larger letters and more rudely.

etiam . 7 concessit mihi Matheo 7 heredibus meis seruicium Hugonis de Stepinga . 7 heredum suorum per seruicium octaue partis unius militis . 7 .iii. bouatas terre in Hautona . Si autem ego Matheus sine herede sponse obiero ⁊ predicta,<sup>1</sup> 7 seruicium Hugonis de Stepinga 7 heredum suorum 7 .iii. bouate terre ad dominium Rogeri de Benigwrde fratris mei 7 ad heredum (*sic*) suorum reuertentur ; His testibus . Willemo de Romara.<sup>2</sup>

Seal : equestrian. + SIGILLVM MATHEV DE BNIG . . . . .

Endorsed : Stepinga .ix.<sup>a</sup> scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 285 b, ix.]

## 503

**Ancient Deeds L. S. 278.** Another form of the same acknowledgement. (Henry II.)

Matheus de Beningworde omnibus amicis suis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem . Sciatis quod tota terra cum apendiciis quam ego teneo de Rogero de Benigworde fratre meo nominatim Estepinges 7 seruicium Hugonis de Estepingues (*sic*) rediet ad dominium predicti Rogeri fratris mei 7 ad heredes suos post dies meos nisi habuero heredem de sponsa . His testibus . Willemo de Roumara . Roberto fratre eius Johanne Caletot . Radulfo de Crochebi . Roberto de Otebi . Roberto Marmiun ;

Seal : equestrian, legend obliterated.

Endorsed : Stepinga viii.<sup>a</sup> Scripta [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 285 b, viii.]

## 504

**Ancient Deeds L. S. 275.** Confirmation by William de Roumara of the gift recorded in No. 502. (Henry II.)

Willelmus de Roumara . omnibus hominibus suis . 7 amicis Francis 7 Anglicis . clericis . 7 laicis tam presentibus quam futuris . salutem . Notum uobis facio me concessisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse . donationem quam Rogerus de Benigwrde fecit Matheo fratri suo . scilicet quod dedit ei totam uillam de Stepinga . in feudo . 7 hereditate tenendam de eo 7 heredibus suis . in pratis . in aquis in monasteriis . in molendinis . in mariscis . 7 in omnibus que ad predictam uillam pertinent ⁊ per seruicium dimidii militis . Dedit etiam 7 concessit . predicto . Matheo . 7 heredibus suis . seruicium Hugonis de Stepinga . 7 heredum suorum per seruicium octaue partis unius

<sup>1</sup> The word *uilla* should come here as in No. 504.

<sup>2</sup> A space for three lines of writing is left blank at the foot of the charter.

<sup>3</sup> There are traces of writing on the seal tag.

militis . 7 iii bouatis terre in Altona . Si autem ipse Matheus sine herede sponse obierit ? predicta uilla . 7 seruicium Hugonis . 7 heredum suorum . 7 iii. bouate terre ad Rogerum de Benigwrde . 7 ad heredes suos reuertentur . His testibus . Willelmo de Colauilla . Rogero . de Alnei . Johanne . Kaletoft . Daud de Totingtun . 7 Hugone fratre . Galfrido de Totingtun . magistro . Gileberto . Rundello . Rogero clerico . Hugone clerico de Radebi . Roberto . Marmion . Willelmo nigro . Willelmo filio Amfredi . Rogero de Strattun .

Seal : equestrian . + SIGIL . . M VVIL . . . . DE . . . . ARE.

Endorsed : Stepinga iiiia scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 285, iiiii.]

505

**Ancient Deeds L. 2494.** Agreement between Matthew of Benniworth and Richard of Halton concerning land in Halton Hologate. (Early Henry II.)

C I R O G R A P H V M <sup>1</sup>

Sciunt tam futuri quam presentes . quod hec est conuentio inter Matheum de Beniggeworde . 7 Ricardum de Haltonia . scilicet ipse Matheus dedit 7 concessit Ricardo de Haltunia (*sic*) tres bouetas terre in Haltonia . cum omnibus pertinentiis suis ita plenarie . 7 ita integre . ut Matheus eas aliquando melius tenuit . 7 xiiii. acras prati . in Westneuciant . 7 xviii. in prato . quod idem Ricardus . inclauserat inter prata Haltonie 7 croftum fratrum de Reuesbi pro humagio 7 seruicio suo . in feudo 7 hereditate ipsi Ricardo . 7 heredibus suis . ad tenendum de . Matheo . 7 de suis heredibus . pro .xxxv. solidis annuatim reddendis . ad .iiii. <sup>or</sup> terminos . scilicet . ad natalem diem domini . ad pascha . ad festum sancti Botulfi . ad festum sancti Michaelis . pro omni seruicio 7 actione . saluo seruicio regis . scilicet . decima parte feudi militis . Uterque affidauit Mathus (*sic*) 7 Ricardus se tenere hanc conuentionem . His testibus . Roberto decano . Simone sacerdote de Stepingt (*sic*) . Rogero sacerdote de Haltonia . Rogero de Beniggeworde . Roberto de Hormesbi . Roberto de Hoctebi . Daud de Tothintunie (*sic*) . Simone filio Gileberti . Radulfo de Crokesbi . Radulfo Uilano . Willelmo Hostricer . Hanchetino filio Hugonis . Reinerro (*sic*) de Haltonia Gileberto de Tothitunia Hugone Uilano .

Seal : device illegible. . IGILLVM RIC . . . . . VNIA.

Endorsed : xxv. scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 289, xxv.]

<sup>1</sup> Inverted and cut through but not indented.



## 506

**Ancient Deeds L. 2522.** Quitclaim by William of Halton to Matthew of Benniworth of the land which was the subject of the preceding agreement. (Henry II.)

Sciant tam presentes quam profuturi quod ego Willelmus de Haltone quietum clamaui Mathee (*sic*) de Benigworde 7 heredibus suis totum tenementum quod pater meus Ricardus & ego tenuimus de predicto in uilla Haltone 7 extra uillam scilicet tres bouatas terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis 7 quatuordecim acras prati in West-neulande . 7 xviii. acras in prato quod idem Ricardus inclauserat inter prata Haltone 7croftum fratrum de Reuesbi . 7 omnia ista predicta sicut scripte Mathei testantur quita clamaui Matheo 7 heredibus suis de me 7 heredibus meis . 7 hanc concessionem attestacione sigilli mei pendentis confirmaui . His testibus Widone decano Haschbie . Rogero capellano . Hugone capellano de Totingtun . Ricardo capellano de paruo Stepinge . Gileberto de Benigworde . Roberto camerario . Willelmo de Houtune . Gregorio de Benigworde . Gileberto Haltone . Alano persona de Haltun . Willelmo de Stantun . Hugone uilain . Hanchetin de paruo Stepinge.<sup>1</sup>

Seal: lys. SIGILL WIL . . . . .

On the tag can be read: Scia . . . . Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego . . . . Matheo de . . . . otum tenementum (same hand as text).

Endorsed: Haltona lvi scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 295 b, lvi.]

## 507

**Ancient Deeds L. 38.** Grant by William de Roumara, afterwards earl of Lincoln, to Robert *nepos comitis* of the land of his uncles Ivo and Colsuen. (Circa 1135.)

.W. de Roumara . omnibus baronibus suis 7 hominibus Francis 7 Anglis . totius Anglie salutem . Sciatis me donasse Roberto nepoti comitis terram Iuonis 7 Colsueni auunculorum suorum in feudum 7 in hereditatem 7 per seruitium quarte partis unius militis . 7 hoc concedo ei pro anima matris mee 7 pro seruitio quod ipse Robertus fecit matri mee; Testes . Robertus Cantelup' . Reste capellanus . Herbertus de Calz . Graufridus (*sic*) Malabissa . Waterus (*sic*) de Cantelupo . Ricardus Bolonie . Waterus (*sic*) de Beningeorde . Ricardus de Aluers . Hamon de Hauton . Baldrius de Cales . Waterus (*sic*) coqus (*sic*).

Strip for seal, cut from charter.

No early endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> This charter is written irregularly in a crude hand.

508

**Ancient Deeds L. S. 23. Confirmation of the same land to Robert, Robert's son, by William de Roumara. (Henry II.)**

Willelmus de Rumar omnibus suis tam Francis quam Anglicis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem Sciatis me concessisse 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Roberto filio Roberti nepotis comitis terram Iuonis 7 Colsueni auunculorum predicti Roberti nepotis comitis in feudo 7 hereditate illi 7 heredibus suis tenendam de me 7 heredibus meis per seruicium quarte partis feudi unius militis sicut carta aui mei testatur . quam de predicta terra habet . His testibus Rogero capellano . Gregorio de Beniguurda . Widone de Ver . Matheo de Beniguurda Gilberto de Beniguurda . Goillano de Autebarg . Sansone Tachel . Willelmo Tachel . Gilberto filio suo . Simone de Messigam . Helia preposito de Blida . Hugone filio suo . Jordano filio Petri . Galfrido clerico . Willelmo Bacun . Galfrido de Totigtun.

Seal : equestrian. + SIGILLVM . . . . . ARE.

No early endorsement.

509

**Ancient Deeds L. 2355. Grant by Robert the chamberlain of Pontefract to William son of Amfrid of Miningsby his kinsman of the whole land of Colsuan and Ivo in Miningsby and East Kirkby. (Late Henry II.)**

Robertus camerarius de Pontefracto omnibus qui has litteras uisuri sunt 7 audituri tam Francis quam Anglis . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse Willelmo filio Amfridi de Midigesbi cognato meo 7 heredibus suis totam terram que fuit Colsuani 7 Yuonis in Midigesbi 7 in Kirkebi cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in uilla 7 extra uillam in toftis 7 croftis . 7 terris arabilibus . 7 pratis 7 pasturis . in bosco 7 plano 7 maresco 7 omnibus aliis rebus ad hanc terram pertinentibus tenendam de me 7 heredibus meis libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice pro quinque solidis mihi 7 heredibus meis annuatim reddendis ad duos terminos . scilicet ad festum sancti Martini duos solidos 7 dimidium . 7 ad pentecosten duos solidos 7 dimidium . Et ipse Willelmus 7 heredes sui facient forense seruicium quantum pertinet ad quartam partem unius militis . Et ego 7 heredes mei warantizabimus hanc terram cum omnibus pertinentiis suis predicto Willelmo 7 heredibus suis contra omnes homines . His testibus . Roberto de Ottebi . Willelmo Takel . Helia de Blia . Johanne Gerard . Hugone Flandrensi de Lincolia . 7 Marcio

genero eius . Philippo filio Rabodi . Petro de Tolest' . Jordano de Pontefracto . Henrico le canberlain Alano de Kirkebi . Willelmo filio Yvonis.

Seal : hand holding three wands. + SIGILL ROBTI CAMERL.

Endorsed : Midingesby 7 Kirkby .xxxvii.' scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 239 b, xxxvii.]

## 510

**Ancient Deeds L. 2362.** Surrender by Robert the chamberlain of Pontefract in the earl of Chester's court at Bolingbroke to Alan of Hareby, Robert's kinsman, of seven bovates in Miningsby and East Kirkby, the land of Ivo, Alan's grandfather, and Colsuan, Ivo's brother, which Alan claimed against Robert by writ of right in the aforesaid court. (Late twelfth century.)

Robertus camerarius de Pontefracto omnibus hominibus suis 7 amicis . 7 omnibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit . salutem . Sciatis me recognouisse 7 concessisse in plenaria curia Rannulfi comitis Cestrie apud Bulinbroc . Alano de Harebi filii Walteri cognato meo septem bouatas terre in Mitinghesbi . 7 in Kirkebi cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . sicut ius suum 7 hereditatem suam quas clamauit uersus me per breue recti in predicta curia . illas scilicet que fuerunt Ivonis aui sui . 7 Colsuani fratris eiusdem Ivonis . Quare ego omnem clamum (*sic*) 7 omne ius quod habui in predictis septem bouatis 7 in pertinentiis suis memorato Alano 7 heredibus suis a me 7 heredibus meis quietum clamaui in perpetuum ; sicut illi . uersus quem' nullum ius habui . Habendum 7 tenendum illi 7 heredibus suis de predicto comite Cestrie 7 heredibus suis libere solute 7 quiete per seruicium quarte partis feodi unius militis pro omnibus seruiciis in feodo 7 hereditate . Et sciendum quod cartas quas habui de Willelmo de Roumara seniore 7 de Willelmo de Roumara nepote suo in predicta curia omnino reddidi ei quietas . Hiis testibus . Waltero de Couentria tunc senescallo comitis Cestrie in Lincolnsira . Gilberto de Benigworda . Philippo de Kales Willelmo Malebisse . Willelmo de Kales Petro de Westmeles Roberto de Bolonia . Alano de Stikeneia . Henrico de Bilingheia . Jordano filio Petri de Pontefracto Alano de Mitinghesbi Gilberto clerico de Totingtun . Ricardo filio Alani de Hormeresbi . Waltero filio Unfridi.

Seal as appended to the preceding charter.

Endorsed : Mithingesbi 7 Kirkebi .xl. scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 241, .xl.]



**Ancient Deeds L. 2359.** Quitclaim by William son of Amfrid of Miningsby to Alan of Hareby his lord of two bovates and a half in Miningsby and of half a bovat, thirteen selions, and meadow in East Kirkby with the services and homages of the tenants of these lands. For the tenement which William continues to hold of Alan, William will perform the forinsec service due from four bovates when seven bovates make the quarter of a knight's fee. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Willelmus filius Amfridi de Mithingesbi concessi 7 quietum clamaui 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmaui Alano de Harebi filio Walteri domino meo unam bouatam terre 7 dimidiam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in territorio de Mithingesbi quas Stephanus filius Walteri auunculi sui de me tenuit . 7 unam bouatam terre cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in eodem territorio quam Gerardus auunculus suus de me tenuit . Et in territorio de Kyrkebi unam dimidiam bouatam terre 7 tredecim seliones . 7 tres percatas prati . 7 quartam partem totius prati mei excepto prato meo de Esckecroft que Johannes filius Gerardi de Kyrkebi tenuit de me . 7 seruitia 7 humagia predictorum hominum 7 heredum suorum . Et quicquid iuris in omnibus predictis rebus habui 7 liberum 7 quietum clamaui á me 7 omnibus heredibus meis memorato Alano 7 heredibus suis inperpetuum . Ita quod ego 7 heredes mei nunquam mouebimus calumpniam aduersus predictum Alanum uel heredes suos de predictis seruitiis 7 tenementis . Et sciendum quod ego 7 heredes mei faciemus eidem Alano 7 heredibus suis forensecum seruitium de quatuor bouatis terre unde septem bouate faciunt quartam partem feudi unius militis . pro tenemento quod ego 7 heredes mei tenemus de ipso Alano 7 heredibus suis in Mithingesbi 7 in Kyrkebi . Et ego 7 heredes mei adquietabimus totam terram quam ego 7 pater meus dedimus monachis de Reuesbi in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam 7 aduersus predictum Alanum 7 heredes suos de omnibus seruitiis 7 exactionibus . His testibus Hugone abbate de Reuesbi . Gileberto de Beningwrde . Radulfo filio Simonis . Philippo de Kales . Roberto de Bolonia . Alano de Stikeneia . Waltero de Couentre . Henrico Smerehorn . Daudid clerico . Johanne filio Gerardi de Kyrkebi . Willelmo filio Yuonis . Alano de Kyrkebi 7 Willelmo le Quilter.

Seal: bird. + SIGILL. WIL . . . . . ILII . AMFRIDI DE . M.

Endorsed: Mithingesby 7 Kirkeby 7 xli 7 scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 240 b, xli.]

## 512

**Ancient Deeds L. S. 256.** Grant by William de Romara earl of Lincoln to Richard his butler of half a carucate in Raithby near Bolingbroke. (1142-1153.)

Willelmus . de Romara . comes Lincolnie . omnibus amicis 7 hominibus suis Francis 7 Anglicis . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse 7 huius cartule mee testimonio confirmasse . Ricardo pincerne meo dimidiam carrucatam terre in Radabi . scilicet duas bouetas terre que fuerunt Alstani . 7 unam bouetam 7 dimidiam quam Radulfus tenuit . 7 dimidiam bouetam que fuit Aghemundi Bueri . pro suo seruicio . in feodo 7 hereditate . illi 7 heredibus suis tenendam de me 7 de heredibus meis . liberam 7 solutam . 7 quietam cum omnibus eidem terre pertinentibus pro seruicio decime partis seruitii militis . Teste Roberto Charbunello . 7 Rogero de Tilleolo . 7 Gilleberto de Bulonia . 7 Willelmo capellano . 7 Gilleberto capellano . 7 Hamone clerico . 7 Rogero clerico de Salmundebi . 7 Jurdano filio Esturmigi 7 Reginaldo marescaldo . Iuone dispensario . Radulfo . filio Herberti . Wimundo fratre eius . Roberto de Chalz . Filippo de Crochesbi . Waltero de Cháles . Bernardo . Willelmo de Horsington . Simone hostiario . Willelmo de thalamo . Hugone . 7 Rogero filiis Achi . Henrico preposito de Bulingbroc . Stépi de Enderbi . Henrico portario . Steffano esteim . Apud . Bulingbroch.<sup>1</sup>

Seal : equestrian, in bag. +SIGILLVM WILLELMI DE R . . . ARA COMITIS LINCOL . . .

Endorsed : (1) Ricardi (struck through, twelfth century). (2) Carta Willelmi de Romara (twelfth century). (3) .xviii. scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 236, xviii.]

On strip sewn to bag : Cater (*sic*) Willelmi de Romara . de terra quam dedit Ricardo pincerne suo pro suo seruicio (circa 1200) in Radeby (fifteenth century).

## 513

**Ancient Deeds L. S. 294.** Grant by William de Romara to Emma, sister of Walter Bueri, and the heirs of Emma and Walter, in exchange for Camel, co. Somerset, of all William's demesne of Raithby, with specified exceptions, and of fourteen bovates there of which the holders are named. (Henry II.)

Willelmus de Romare omnibus hominibus suis 7 amicis clericis 7 laicis tam presentibus quam futuris . salutem . Sciatis me dedisse 7 concessisse . Emme sorori Walteri Bueri 7 heredibus eius 7 heredibus

<sup>1</sup> A line of small holes runs down the left side of this charter.

Walteri Bueri . in escambiam pro Camel quam ipsa Emma . 7 heredes eius 7 heredes Walteri Bueri michi quietam clamauerunt in presentia Henrici regis filii Matilde imperatricis . totum dominium meum in Radebi . exceptis duabus bouatis quas Radulfus . de Cadamo tenuit . 7 excepta una cultura que uocatur Milneuuang ex australi parte molendini . 7 excepta ecclesia 7 molendino meo . 7 xiiii. bouatas 7 (*sic*) in eadem uilla ex quibus Alanus filius Elisei tenuit unam . Magnus unam 7 quartam partem unius . Gaufridus quartam partem unius . Rengot Barat unam . Adestan filius Orger duas . Siwat filius Gutred unam . uxor Ingolef dimidiam partem unius . Hugo unam 7 dimidiam partem unius . Graiue dimidiam partem unius . Benedictus bubulcus dimidiam partem unius . Baldricus bubulcus dimidiam partem unius . Anke unam bouatam . Ailmundus unam . Habe dimidiam partem unius . Siuate filius Airic dimidiam partem unius . Edric le sergant bouatam unam . Hanc itaque terram dedi eis liberam 7 quietam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis . in toftis 7 in croftis in aquis 7 in pratis in terra arabili 7 in pasturis . per seruitium dimidii militis . quia ipsa Emma 7 heredes eius 7 heredes Walteri Bueri michi quietas clamauerunt . x. libratas terre quas eis in presenciam regis pactus sum dare per seruicium unius militis pro predicta Camel . Et quia minus acceperunt quam eis pactus sum dare relaxaui eis dimidietatem unius militis seruicii . His testibus Rogero de Beningwirda (*sic*) . Roberto de Roumara . Matheo de Beningworde Gregorio fratre eius . Turpino de Billingeie . Johanne Kaletot . Dauid de Totintona . Hugone fratre eius . Rogero clerico . Rogero de Radebi . Alano filio Reingot Roberto de Otebi . Rogero de Stratoniam.

Seal: equestrian. + SIGILL . . . VILLELMI D . . . . . RE<sup>o</sup>.

Endorsed: (1) Radeburna (fifteenth century). (2) Radeburna<sup>1</sup> viii scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 477, viii.]

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**Ancient Deeds L. 2353.** Acknowledgement by Malger de Rictona that if he has no heir by his wife the mill of Raithby shall return to his lord William de Roumara who gave it to him subject to this condition. (Late Henry II.)

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod si ego Malgerus de Rictona non habeam heredem de femina mea sponsata molendinum de Rabi<sup>2</sup> quod

<sup>1</sup> This name, like the place at which the charter is entered in the Great Coucher, is due to a mistaken identification of the *Radeb'* of the charter with Redbourne in Manley wapentake.

<sup>2</sup> This form of the name Raithby, normally represented by *Radebi*, has not



dominus meus Willelmus de Roumara . dedit mihi 7 heredibus meis quos ego habeam de femina mea sponsata redibit ad Willelmum de Roumara 7 ad heredes suos post dies meos sicut carta testatur quod dominus meus Willelmus de Roumara mihi inde dedit . Hiis testibus . Daud de Totintona . Gregorio de Beningworda . Gileberto de Beningworda . Gollano de Autebarga . Hugone de Kauz . Johanne filio Girardi .

Seal in bag : lys, legend obliterated.

Endorsed : xxxv ' scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 239, xxxv.]

On strip sewn to bag : Carta Malgeri de Rictuna de molendino de Rabe (circa 1200).

## 515

Ancient Deeds L. S. 269. Grant by William de Rufmar earl of Lincoln to St. Guthlac and the monks (of Crowland) of a bovate and toft in Sibsey and a tenant named Algar dwelling in that land and rendering five shillings yearly. (1146-1153.)

[Roberto dei gratia] *Lincolniensi* episcopo . 7 uniuerso clero *Lincoln-*schire . 7 omnibus fidelibus sanctę ecclesię . [Willelmus de Rufmar] comes *Lincolnie* ' salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse in elemosi[nam deo 7 sancto Cu]dlaco(*sic*) 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus .i. bouatam terrę in [Sybecia cum tofto 7 Algar]um in predicta terra manentem . 7 v. solidos per singulos annos de [predicta terra reddentem ad un]um cereum annuatim emendum . quem dare uoui ' deo 7 sancto Gul[laco Eapropter uolo 7 precipio] quod predicti monachi eandem elemosinam teneant . 7 possideant li[beram 7 solutam 7 quietam] ab omni seculari seruicio ' inperpetuum ita ne aliquis eis uel suis iniuriam uel [contumeliam faciat] Testibus Rogero 7 Willelmo capellanis . 7 Roberto carbunello . 7 Anschetillo de Kela . [7 Hamo (*sic*) elemosin]ario 7 Hugone filio Achi . 7 Adam ware-nario . 7 Rogero de Teillol 7 Gilleberto . [de Bolonia 7 Hugone] Totintone 7 Yris archario . apud Bulinbrocam.<sup>1</sup>

Seal on strip cut from charter: equestrian, in bag. + . . . . . LVM WILLELMI DE ROVMARA CO . . . .

Endorsed : Sibceia xiii.<sup>a</sup> scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 257, xiii.]

On strip sewn to bag : Carta Willelmi de Romara de .i. bouata terre in Cýbeceia quam dedit sancto Gutlaco 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus (circa 1200).

been observed in any other document, but there is no reason for doubting the identification.

<sup>1</sup> Words within brackets are supplied from D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 257.

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**Ancient Deeds L. S. 266.** Grant by William de Roumara earl of Lincoln to St. Guthlac, Edward the abbot, and the monks of Crowland, of half a carucate in Sibsey with the men dwelling in the same. (1151-1153.)

Teobaldo . dei gratia Cantuariensi archiepiscopo . episcopis . abbatibus . 7 toti clero 7 populo totius Anglie . Willelmus de Roumara . comes Lincolnie ⁊ salutem 7 reuerentiam cum honore . Sciatis me dedisse in elemosinam deo 7 sancto Gutlaco Croilandie . 7 Edwardo abbati . 7 monachis ibidem deo seruientibus . dimidiam carrucatam terrę meę in Sýbeceia cum hominibus in eadem carrucata terrę manentibus . 7 eidem terrę pertinentibus ⁊ cum catallis suis . pro absolutione anime Willelmi filii mei . cuius familia manum in ipsum abbatem uiolenter tempore werre miserat . 7 quare ipse Willelmus filius meus 7 sui in sententia tenebantur . Et precipue predictam elemosinam dono eis in perpetuum eis (*sic*) pro salute anime meę proprię . 7 heredum 7 omnium predecessorum meorum . 7 pro fraternitate illa quam michi uiuenti concesserunt . Nominatim eis dono istos meos homines cum toftis . 7 familia 7 omnibus catallis suis . Eapropter uolo 7 firmiter corroboro scripto . Ailgarum filium Lucie 7 Gippe . 7 Hughi . Istam nero elemosinam eis dono liberam 7 quietam ab omni seculari seruicio . Requiro uos igitur . 7 precor attentius . quod si quis heredum meorum uel extraneorum istam meam prefatam elemosinam temere perturbare <sup>1</sup> uel minuere uoluerit alienum eum a regno dei ecclesiastica iusticia faciatis ⁊ donec resipuerit . Testibus Roberto carbunello . 7 Waltero Buhureid . 7 Rogero Teilloli 7 Ricardo Bolonie . 7 Rogero Beningewrde . 7 Willelmo 7 Rogero capellanis . 7 Willelmo Seresburiensi . 7 Hamone clerico . apud Bulinbroc'.

Seal : equestrian. + SIGILLVM : WILLELMI DE ROVMARA COMITIS . . . . OLIE.

Endorsed : (1) Carta . W. comitis de Roumara (twelfth century). (2) iii.<sup>a</sup> scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 255, iii.]

On strip sewn to seal bag : Carta Willelmi de Romara . de dimidia carruca (*sic*) terre in Sýbeceia quam dedit sancto Gutlaco Crulandie (circa 1200).

517

**Ancient Deeds L. 40.** Release by Robert the abbot and the convent of Crowland to William de Roumara of their claim to six bovates in Sibsey. (Circa 1190.)

Notum sit omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Robertus dei gratia abbas Croilandie . totusque eiusdem loci conuentus remitti-

<sup>1</sup> The words *perturbare uel* are written continuously, but separated by interstrokes.

mus Willelmo de Roumara 7 heredibus suis calumpniam quam habuimus aduersus eum de .vi. bouatis terre in Sibeceia . Ita quod de cetero de illa terra nichil reclamabimus . 7 cartas aui sui quas habuimus penes nos ei reddidimus . Testibus his . Johanne monacho . Waltero . monacho . Mauricio de Creona . monacho . Nicholao . de Quapelada . monacho . Rogero de Benigwurda . Matheo fratre eius . Rogero clerico . magistro Gileberto Rundel'.

Bag containing fragments of seal.

Endorsed : (1) Willelmi de Romara (contemporary). (2) ix<sup>a</sup> scripta (fifteenth century).

On strip sewn to bag : Carta Roberti abbatis Crulandie . de .vi. bouatis terre in Cibeceia . quas remisit Willelmo de Romara (circa 1200).

## 518

**Ancient Deeds L. S. 253.** Confirmation by William de Roumara to Roger of Benniworth of all the land which William's father and grandfather gave to Roger and of all the land which Walter, Roger's father, held for the service of eight knights and a half, so that for all this tenement Roger shall henceforward do the service of six knights only. (Before 1172.)<sup>1</sup>

. W. de Roumara . omnibus hominibus 7 amicis suis Francis 7 Anglis qui sunt 7 qui futuri sunt . salutem . Notum sit omnibus uobis me concessisse 7 presenti carta confirmasse . R. de Beningwrde 7 heredibus eius pro humagio suo atque seruitio totam terram quam pater meus 7 auus meus dederunt ei . scilicet xl 7 duas bouatas terre . in duabus Kales . 7 sex bouatas 7 dimidiam quas Audenker tenuit . 7 duas bouatas Sirici . 7 tseruitium (*sic*) Hugonis de Steping . 7 totam terram quam Walterus pater eius tenuit per seruitium octo militum 7 dimidii militis de antecessoribus meis . Hec omnia tenenda de me 7 heredibus meis libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice in uilla 7 extra uillam . in uiis 7 semitis 7 planis 7 pratis 7 pasturis 7 marescis 7 omnino omnibus locis 7 omnibus pertinentiis concessi 7 confirmaui ipsi . R. 7 heredibus eius per seruitium sex militum faciendo . 7 quieta ab omnibus aliis seruitiis . ita ut pro omni predicto tenemento nichil aliud seruitii faciant preter seruitium sex militum . His testibus . Philippo . de Kima . Roberto Calceis . Waltero Bec . Rogero de Tilliolo . Dauí de Totigtun . Rabodo de Ruddestan . Gileberto de Bolonia . Rogero de Calz.

Seal : equestrian. + SIG . . . M . VVILLELMI DE . . . VMAREꝰ.

Endorsed : (1) Carta Willelmi de Roumara facta R de Beningwrde (fifteenth century). (2) .xiii. scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 235, xiii.]

<sup>1</sup> This charter is confirmed by an original charter of Henry II which does not include the *dei gratia* formula. (D. of L. Royal Charters 38.)



**Ancient Deeds L. S. 257.** Grant by William de Roumara to Reinold de Novo Mercato of two bovates, one in East Kirkby and the other in Mavis Enderby, upon condition that if Reinold die without heir by his wife these bovates shall return to William's demesne. (Henry II.)

Willelmus de Roumara omnibus amicis suis ⁊ hominibus Francis ⁊ Anglis clericis ⁊ laicis presentibus ⁊ futuris salutem . Notum uobis facio me dedisse ⁊ hac presenti carta confirmasse Reinoldo de Nouo Mercato unam bouatam terre in Kirchebi cum pertinenciis quam Robertus blundus tenuit . ⁊ unam bouatam terre in Andrebi quam Rogerus filius Achil tenuit cum pertinenciis que pertinent ad illas duas bouatas terre pro hummagio (*sic*) ⁊ seruicio suo tenendas de me ⁊ heredibus meis in feodo ⁊ hereditate si habuerit heredem de uxore desponsata annuatim mihi reddendo pro illa terra unum nissum (*sic*) sorum pro omni seruicio . ⁊ nisi habuerit heredem de sua uxore desponsata ille due bouate terre post dies suos ad meum proprium dominium redient . His testibus . Roberto de Roumara . Matheo de Benigworde . Johanne Caletot . Rogero clerico . Willelmo nigro . Roberto Marmiun . Rogero de Belinguei . Roberto de Otebi . Alano filio Reingot . Rogero de Estratunna (*sic*) . Willelmo Esprinc . Willelmo magno . ⁊ pluribus aliis.

Seal : equestrian, in bag. + . . . . . WILLELMI DE . . . . ARE.

Endorsed : .xx. scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 236 b, xx.]

On strip sewn to bag : . Carta Willelmi de Romara . de .ii. bouatis terre quas dedit Reinaldo de Nouo Mercato pro humagio ⁊ seruicio suo (circa 1200), in Kirkeby ⁊ Enderby (fifteenth century).

**Ancient Deeds L. 2372.** Quitclaim by Robert de Tilliolo to his lord William de Rumara for the term of the latter's life of all the land which Roger de Tilliolo, Robert's uncle, held of William in England, namely, in Hareby, Mavis Enderby, and Hundleby. (Henry II.)

Sciant omnes presentes ⁊ futuri quod ego Robertus de Tilliolo abiuraui ⁊ quietam clamaui domino meo Willelmo de Rumara de me ⁊ heredibus meis in uita sua omnem terram quam Rogerus de Tilliolo auunculus meus de eo tenuit in Anglia ⁊ uidelicet in Harebi ⁊ in Andrebi ⁊ in Hundelbi ⁊ Et post dies predicti domini mei Willelmi de Rumara ego ⁊ heredes mei poterimus calumpniare tale ius quale habemus in terra predicta si uoluerimus ⁊ His testibus ⁊ Gregorio de Beninguurchia ⁊ Rogero capellano ⁊ Widone de Uer ⁊ Willelmo

Pantof ⁊ Rogero clerico ⁊ Willelmo Bacon ⁊ Roberto pistore ⁊ Radulfo de Wima ⁊ Ricardo de Braibof ⁊ Willelmo clerico.

Seal in bag : flower of seven petals. +SIGILLVM ROBERTI DE TILLIOLO.

Endorsed : lxxviii. Scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 246, lxxviii.]

On strip sewn to bag : Carta Roberti de Tilliol ⁊ de terra quam quietam clamauit Willelmo de Romara ⁊ uidelicet in Harebi ⁊ ⁊ Enderbi ⁊ ⁊ Hundelbi (circa 1200).

## 521

**Ancient Deeds L. S. 258.** Grant by David of Toynton to St. Mary and the knights of the temple of Solomon of his portion of the dry marsh of Toynton and of a league within the deep marsh there. (Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus tam presentibus quam futuris . Dauid de Totintune . salutes . Vobis omnibus una notifico . quod ego Dauid de Totintune . donauit deo ⁊ sancte Marie fratribusque militibus Tepli (*sic*) Salomonis de Iherusalem . in perpetuam elemosinam totam meam partem de duro marisco de Totintune . ⁊ á Smalena . unam leugatam infra profundum mariscum usque Totintune . solutum ⁊ liberum ⁊ quietum ab omnibus secularibus seruiciis . pro anima domini mei Wilelmi (*sic*) de Rumare . ⁊ pro anima patris mei . ⁊ matris mee . ⁊ pro anima mea . ⁊ omnium predecessorum meorum . ⁊ ut hanc elemosinam teneant ⁊ in perpetuum libere possideant concedo . concedentibus ⁊ testantibus fratribus meis . scilicet . Ricardo ⁊ Hugone ⁊ Riulfo clerico . ⁊ testante Hacun decano . Gilberto capellano . Johanne capellano . Hamundo elemosinario . Jurdano clerico . Roberto carbunello . Rogero de Tilliol . Gilberto de Bulonia . Turaldo falcunario . Roberto de Dun . Wilelmo (*sic*) de Sancto Albino . Radulfo sacerdote.

Seal in bag : equestrian. +SIGILLVM DAVIT DE T . . . NGTVN.

Endorsed : (1) David de Totintunia (circa 1200). (2) xxiii. scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 237, xxiii.]

On strip sewn to bag : Carta Dauid de Totintun . de maresco quod dedit militibus de Templo (circa 1200).

## 522

**Ancient Deeds L. S. 255.** A similar grant to the same by Robert de Calceis. (Henry II.)<sup>1</sup>

Omnibus sanctę ecclesię fidelibus presentibus ⁊ sequuturis . Robertus de Calceis salutem . Notum uobis sit quod ego concessi ac in perpetuam

<sup>1</sup> It is probable that Nos. 521 and 522 were composed at the same time, but they were written by different hands.

elemosinam dedi . deo ⁊ sanctę Marię fratribusque militibus Templi Salomonici Ierusalem totam meam partem de duro maresco quod pertinet ad Totingtunam . scilicet de aqua que nominatur Smalená usque ad profundum marescum . ⁊ infra profundum marescum apud Totingtunam unam leugatam . solutum ⁊ quietum ⁊ ab omnibus seruitiis secularibus liberum . pro anima domini mei Willelmi de Roumare . ⁊ pro animabus patris ac matris meę omniumque propinquorum ac <sup>1</sup> predecessorum <sup>1</sup> meorum . necnon animę meę corporisque mei saluatione . Et uolo ut hanc eandem elemosinam habeant ⁊ teneant . ⁊ in perpetuum liberam de me ⁊ omnibus meis successoribus possideant . Teste Hacone decano <sup>2</sup> . Gilberto capellano . Johanne capellano . Hamund elemosinario . Jordano clerico . Roberto carbonello . Rogero del Tilliol . Gilberto de Bolonia . Ricardo de Totingtona . Hugone de Totingtona . Riulfo clerico . Tuoroldo falconario . Roberto de Dún . Willelmo de Sancto Albino . Radulfo sacerdote . Radulfo Villano .

Seal in bag : fantastic hound. +SIGILLVM ROBERTI DE CALCEIS.

Endorsed : (1) Roberti de Calceis (circa 1200). (2) xvi. scripta [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 235 b, xvi.]

On strip sewn to seal bag : Carta Roberti de Calceis de maresco quod dedit militibus de Templo (circa 1200).

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**Ancient Deeds L. 2354.** Quitclaim by Hugh the priest son of Ralf of Toynton to his lord William de Roumara of a toft and croft in Toynton which Hugh held of William. (Henry II.)

Sciunt tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Hugo sacerdos filius Radulfi de Totingtun reddidi domino meo Willelmo de Roumara ⁊ quietum clamaui toftum ⁊ croftum qui uocantur Tunge . quos tenui de illo in territorio de Totintun . Et pro hac quieta clamacione mihi reddidit dominus meus Willelmus de Roumara iii. marcas argenti quas ego ei dederam pro hac terra prenominata habenda . Hiis testibus . Daud de Totintun . Matheo de Benigwrde . Gregorio de Benigwrde . Gileberto de Benigwrde Roberto de Ottebi . Gileberto de Bulonia . Rogero clerico . Rengoto de Esticheford . Johanne filio Gerardi . Hugone de Warewic . Galfrido de Totintun.

Seal : developed lys. SIGILL HVGONIS SACERDTI.

Endorsed : Tointona, xxxvi. scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 239 b, xxxvi.]

<sup>1</sup> These words, written without a break, are separated by interlined strokes.

<sup>2</sup> Corrected from *decane*.



## 524

**Ancient Deeds L. 322.** Grant by Ralf the abbot and the convent of Revesby to Rannulf the smith of a toft in Toynton. (Late twelfth century.)

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie Radulfus . abbas ⁊ conuentus de Reuesbi . salutem . Sciatis nos concessisse ⁊ hac carta confirmasse . Rannulfo fabro ⁊ heredibus suis . unum toftum in Totingtun quod dicitur Hankescroft . habendum ⁊ tenendum eidem in feodo ⁊ hereditate . libere ⁊ quiete . reddendo nobis inde annuatim duodecim denarios . scilicet vi. ad festum sancti Botulfi . ⁊ vi. ad Natale domini . Et nos warantizabimus eis ipsum toftum quamdiu donatores nostri nobis predictum warantizauerint . Hiis testibus Radulfo capellano . Dauid capellano . Gilleberto persona . Henrico filio Hugonis . magistro Asketino . Hugone de Warewic . Hugone milkeheued . Radulfo filio Esturmi.

Small oval seal : hand holding crozier. + SIGILLVM ABBATIS DE SCO LAVRENTIO.

Endorsed : Totingtun scripta, and an illegible numeral (fifteenth century).

## 525

**Ancient Deeds L. 2348.** Surrender and quitclaim by Geoffrey son of Stephen master of the knights of the Temple to William de Roumara of marsh belonging to the soke of Bolingbroke deraigned against William in the court of Henry II. (Whitsuntide 1190.)

Omnibus hoc scriptum uidentibus ⁊ audientibus ⁊ frater Gaufridus filius Stephani milicie Templi in Anglia minister humilis ⁊ salutem . Noueritis nos communi consilio ⁊ assensu totius capituli nostri in Octabis Pentecostes apud Coueleiam . quietum clamasse ⁊ reddidisse domino Willelmo de Roumara ⁊ heredibus suis Brademeram cum suis pertinentiis . ⁊ totum mariscum qui pertinet ad Bulinbroc ⁊ ad socam de Bulinbroc . quem comes Willelmus auus ipsius Willelmi de Roumara ⁊ homines sui nobis dederant . ⁊ confirmauerant . quem nos etiam dirationauimus uersus ipsum Willelmum in curia bone memorie regis Henrici secundi per cartas predicti comitis Willelmi ⁊ hominum suorum . quas inde habuimus . salua communione hominum nostrorum in predicto marisco de soca de Bulinbroc . quam habebant in eodem marisco eo anno quo hec carta facta fuit . scilicet anno primo regni regis Ricardi primi . Testibus . fratre Gaufrido de Walecota . fratre Rogero filio Alexandri . fratre Willelmo de Niweham . fratre Wil-

lermo de Bernewde . fratre Roberto de Dentona . fratre Herberto de Wintonia .fratre Reginaldo de Tarenta . 7 toto capitulo.

Seal in bag : Paschal lamb. +SIGILLVM TEMPLI.

Endorsed : (1) Quietaclamacio Brademere 7 marisci pertinentis ad sokam de Bolingbrok dudum concessi militibus templi (fifteenth century). (2) xxx' scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 238, xxx.]

526

**Ancient Deeds L.S.252.** Grant by William de Roumara to St. Mary and the canons of Dereham of the right of digging with four spades in his east marsh belonging to Bolingbroke, for the repair of their salt-pans. (In or soon after 1193.)

Omnibus filiis sancte matris ecclesie . Willelnus de Romara . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse deo 7 sancte Marie . 7 canonicis de Derham . pro salute anime mée . 7 omnium antecessorum 7 heredum meorum . in puram 7 perpetuam elemosinam . quatuor bescas fodientes in est maresco meo de Bullingbroc . ad salinas suas sustinendas . Hanc elemosinam concessi . 7 hac mea carta confirmaui . predictis canonicis . liberam 7 quietam á me 7 heredibus meis . 7 solutam ab omni terfeno seruitio . 7 seculari exactione . 7 hanc elemosinam eisdem canonicis . ego 7 heredes mei contra omnes homines warantizabimus in perpetuum . His testibus . domino H. archiepiscopo Cantuariensi . Hugone . abbate de sancto Laurentio . Josleno priore de Spalding . Wýdone de Ver . Gregorio . de Beningwrđ . Gilleberto de Beningwrđ . Rogero capellano . 7 Rogero clerico.

Seal : equestrian. + . . . . . VILLELMI DE . . . ARE.

Endorsed : (1) Carta Willelmi de Rumar (contemporary). (2) Carta Willelmi de Romare de iiiior bescis fodientibus in marisco de Wrengle (circa 1200). xii scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 235, xii.]

527

**Ancient Deeds L. 2409.** Quitclaim by Hugh de Chaus to his lord William de Roumara of the service of two knights in Limber, Keelby, and Brocklesby, in discharge of a debt of twenty-five pounds of sterlings owed by Hugh to William. (Circa 1171-1175.)

Hugo de Chaus omnibus hominibus suis 7 amicis Francis 7 Anglis clericis 7 laicis . salutem . Noscant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego clamaui quietum seruicium duorum militum domino meo Wilhelmo de Roumara de me 7 heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis . scilicet . seruicium unius militis in Linberge . 7 dimidii ' in Chilebi . 7 dimidii ' in Brouchelossebi . que Rogerus de Chaus tenet . Et nominatim clamaui quietum istud seruicium pro xxv<sup>ti</sup> libris . argenti

quas ei debebam ⁊ de meo reliue . 7 de exercitu Hibernie . 7 de aliis querelis . His testibus . Rogero de Beningorde . Rogero de Tilliol . Matheo de Beningorde . Gilleberto de Bolonia . Roberto Engainne . Rabodo de Cales . Roberto filio Martini . Dau de Totintun Hugone Malet . Simone filio Radulfi . Roberto de Trihamtune . Radulfo de Bradelai.

Seal in bag : apparently dog. + SIGILLVM . HVGONIS DE . . . .

Endorsed : (1) Carta Willelmi de Romara (late twelfth century). (2) Brochelesby. iiii.<sup>a</sup> scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 255 b, iii.]

On strip sewn to seal bag : Carta Hugonis de Chaus de seruicio .ii.<sup>orum</sup> militum quod quietum clamauit domino suo Willelmo de Romara pro xxv libris . argenti quas ei debebat de suo releue (circa 1200).

## 528

**Ancient Deeds L. 2500.** Exchange of lands in Eresby by Spilsby between Nicholas Bech and Henry his brother. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Nicholaus Bec concessi ⁊ dedi ⁊ hac mea presenti carta confirmaui Henrico Bec fratri meo totam terram quam habui in Dal in territorio dē Eresbi que fuit de duabus bouatis terre quas Wlmarus filius Godwardi tenuit . et unum sellionem apud Manhou . ⁊ iii selliones simul iacentes iuxta culturam que uocatur Widalewang . proximo loco ex parte meridionali . et duas forarias simul iacentes ⁊ buttant super Haue siic . et unum sellionem que iacet super Ha furlanges . ⁊ duos selliones simul iacentes ⁊ super Doclandes . ⁊ duos selliones simul iacentes qui buttant super toftum . Roberti Vitalis ex parte meridionali . et totam terram quam ego habui inter duas pittas . ⁊ duos selliones separatim iacentes inter diuisam de Haltona ⁊ north Dunnes eng . illi ⁊ heredibus suis habendum ⁊ tenendum libere quiete ⁊ honorifice in excambio perpetuo propter unam culturam in territorio de Eresbi que uocatur Mucwang simul cum ualle que ad eandem culturam pertinet que uallis buttat super eandem culturam ⁊ ex parte aquilonari . ⁊ propter liberum introitum ⁊ exitum habendos ab illa ualle usque ad magnam stratam subtus gardenum uersus occidentem . iuxta croftum Winemeri ⁊ iuxta croftum Henrici Thoche . proximo loco ex parte aquilonari . ⁊ propter liberum introitum ⁊ exitum habendos de meridionali capite predicte culture que uocatur Mucwang usque . uersus uillam de Eresbi . secundum latitudinem eiusdem culture . ⁊ sic per mediam uillam de Eresbi usque ad magnam stratam que uenit deuersus Totintonam ⁊ uadit uersus Spilesbi . ⁊ propter duos selliones proximo loco iacentes inter predictam culturam ⁊ ⁊ croftum Winemeri . et



propter septem ⁊ decem selliones proximo loco iacentes iuxta predictam culturam ex parte orientali simul cum duabus forariis super quas predicti xvii. selliones buttant ex parte meridionali . et propter unum sellionem qui buttat super Milnedale . quem Henricus bonde tenuit . et propter totam terram que fuit rusticorum predicti Henrici Bec que terra iacet inter Wdehou ⁊ duas culturas quarum altera uocatur Ismancroft ⁊ altera Redlandes . simul cum cheuettis ad eandem terram pertinentibus usque in riulum qui descendit de uiuario de Eresbi ⁊ uadit uersus Haltonam per Seuerwath . excepto uno sellione Winemeri ⁊ qui buttat super Seuerwath . Hoc excambium prenomiatum warantizabius (*sic*) nos . scilicet ego ⁊ heredes mei . prefato Henrico Bec ⁊ heredibus suis ⁊ contra omnes homines . Hiis testibus Alano de Martona . Waltero Bec . Johanne Bec . Roberto de Scrembi . Willelmo de Kenne . Willelmo Malebisse . Willelmo de Hautona . Thoma ostriciario . Radulfo Karbunello . Alano filio Rengoti . Roberto de Waingwurda . Roberto filio Fabiani . Roberto de Spilesbi . David clerico de Kotes.

Seal : eight petalled flower. + SIGILL NICOLAI . . . .

Endorsed : Eresby. xxxii scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 290 b, xxxii.]

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**Ancient Deeds L. 2487. Exchange between Henry Bech and Nicholas his brother of lands in Eresby. (Late twelfth century.)**

Sciunt presentes ⁊ futuri quod ego Henricus . Bech . concessi ⁊ dedi ⁊ hac mea carta confirmaui Nicholao Bech . fratri meo in excambium quarundam terrarum que sunt de duabus bouatis . quas Agnes mater mea illi dedit in feodum ⁊ hereditatem in territorio de Eresbi . scilicet . pro .iiii.<sup>or</sup> selionibus in Dala . qui bútant super Sándes . ⁊ pro tribus selionibus iuxta culturam meam de Wýdala . ⁊ pro .iiii.<sup>or</sup> selionibus . rái . a rái . iuxta Redlandes . ⁊ pro uno selione . quem Arnaldus tenuit . ⁊ pro tofto quod fuit Nicholai capellani . pro his omnibus dedi illi in excambium totam culturam meam que appellatur Muchwanga . ⁊ duos seliones . quos . Ricardus . bercarius tenuit propinquoires ex occidentali parte eiusdem culture . cum tota valle adiacente ex aquilonari <sup>1</sup> parte tocius predictae terre . ⁊ liberum exitum ⁊ introitum sibi ⁊ suis . ad habendam pasturam per totam terram que iacet infra has metas . scilicet inter culturam meam de Holmo . ex una parte . ⁊ ex alia parte inter culturam . Muchwang' .

<sup>1</sup> A small *i* is interlined between the *l* and the *o*.

7 croftum Winemeri 7 Hugonis . 7 sic per Húntegardam . usque ad magnam uiam que vadit de Eresbi versus Spilesbi . ut habeat 7 teneat omnia predicta libere 7 quiete ab omni seruicio . consuetudine . exactione 7 demanda sub ipso seruicio quod facit pro predictis bouatis terre . sicut in carta matris meę continetur . 7 cum omnimoda libertate faciendi inde quicquid uoluerit . hac mea carta confirmante quicquid inde fecerit . Testibus . Alano de Martona . Andrea de Wúttuna . Philippo de Keles Johanne Bech . Roberto filio Fabiani . Ricardo de Haltuna . Roberto de Wadingwrda . Roberto de Spilesbi<sup>1</sup> . Sturm de Tódintona .

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : xvi. scripta Eresby. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 287, xvi.]

## 530

**Ancient Deeds L. 3023.** Grant by Gilbert son of Eudo of Burgh le Marsh to William son of Gisle of the moiety of the salt-pan which William's father held of Eudo. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Gilbertus filius Eudonis de Burc concessi 7 hac mea carta confirmaui Willelmo filio Gisle<sup>2</sup> 7 heredibus suis medietatem illius saline quam pater suus tenuit de me 7 de patre meo tenendum de me 7 de heredibus meis libere 7 quiete dando annuatim pro omni seruicio .xii. denarios 7 dimidium sextarium salis pro illa . scilicet . medietate que iacet ex nordo inter salinam Godwini fratris sui 7 salinam Agmundi de Gutario . ad festum . scilicet . sancti Botulfi sex denarios . 7 ad festum sancti Micaelis sex denarios 7 dimidium sextarium salis . Hiis testibus Alano de Tórp . Willelmo de Prouinc . Widone filio Simonis . Rogero filio Basing . Ranulfo filio Gunni . Eudone de Freskenei . Ranulfo filio eius . Roberto de Wapinworde . Gocelino de Spilesbi 7 aliis multis.

Seal : bird. + SIGILLVM GILBERTI FILII HÝDONIS.

Endorsed : iiiia. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 420 b, iiiii.]

## 531

**Ancient Deeds L. 2507.** Grant by Philip of Kyme to Guy son of Gisel of a salt-pan in Friskney. (Henry II.)

. Philippus de Kýma omnibus amicis suis 7 hominibus tam presentibus quam futuris . salutem . Notum sit uobis me dedisse 7 hac carta mea confirmasse Widoni filio Gisel hereditario tenendam de me

<sup>1</sup> The second s is interlined.

<sup>2</sup> In the copy of this charter in the Great Coucher this name is written *Gizle*, but the middle letter is a badly written capital S.

7 de heredibus meis illi 7 heredibus suis unam salinam in Freskena . que uocatur Widescote . scilicet ex parte solari iuxta salinam quam Thomas filius Basing de me tenet . 7 ex nord parte saline Ricardi filii Eilwin . reddendo mihi 7 heredibus meis singulis annis octo sextercia salis . ad festum sancti Petri ad uincula . pro omni seruitio quod ad me uel ad heredes meos pertinet . Testibus . Henrico de Alfort Ricardo de Ormesbi . Waltero de Alfort . Ricardo de Sancto Petro . Willelmo de Barue . Ricardo de Freskena . Milone de Weinplet . Edmund Wedertihand . Griffino Bret.<sup>1</sup>

Seal : defaced.

Endorsed : Friskenay xl. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 292 b, xl.]

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**Ancient Deeds L. 926.** Grant by Walter son of Richard of Leake to Luke son of Richard and Maud his wife of three roods and one selion, apparently in Leake. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus uicinis 7 amicis suis Walterus filius Ricardi de Lec salutem . Sciatis me concessisse 7 dedisse 7 hac mea carta confirmasse Luce filio Ricardi 7 Matildi uxori eius .iii. percatas terre ubi Nicholauus (*sic*) mercator manet . 7 in Scortespincroft unam selionem terre in feodo 7 hereditate . illis 7 heredibus suis tenendas de me 7 de heredibus meis . libere quiete honorifice . reddendo inde annuatim mihi 7 heredibus meis .i. denarium . ad phascha . pro omni seruicio . Hiis . testibus . Alano de Torp . Balderico sacerdote . Johanne filio Eudonis de Benitun . magistro Roberto Radulfo fratre eius . Ricardo filio Leftein . Stefano de Scirbec Baldewino de Wragle (*sic*) Ricardo filio Giphe Benedicto coco . Jocelino filio Johannis . 7 aliis.

Seal : conventional flower of four petals. + SIGILL WALTERI . . . .  
.. ICARDI . . . .

No early endorsement.

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**Ancient Deeds L. 2393.** Grant by Emma Trussebut of Riby to Geoffrey de Fumaszun, in free marriage with Halina her daughter, of a toft and two bovates of demesne in Riby. (Circa 1200.)

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Emma Trussebut de Ribi filia Galfridi Trussebut dedi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Galfrido de Fumaszun cum Halina filia mea uxore sua in liberum maritagium unum toftum in Ribi qui fuit Eudonis le Waleis cum duabus bouatis

<sup>1</sup> Traces of writing along head of charter, but no proper indentation.



terre culte de dominico meo de Ribí . Scilicet in cultura de Slenggesberg ex orientali parte quatuor acras . 7 in Tungacre tres acras . 7 in cultura de Smithou ex orientali parte tres acras . 7 in cultura de Brameberg ex orientali parte tres acras . 7 ad Fulwel unam acram . 7 in cultura de Holmberg ex orientali parte tres acras . 7 in cultura de Ribí toft ex orientali parte tres acras . 7 in cultura de Riskes ex orientali parte quatuor acras . 7 ad uiam Castrie in orientali cultura ex orientali parte culture quatuor acras . 7 in cultura de Steinhil ex orientali parte tres acras . 7 in cultura de Scalehil ex orientali parte tres acras . 7 in cultura de Brakenhougate ex orientali parte tres acras . 7 in cultura de Brakenhouwelle ex orientali parte tres acras cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in pascuis 7 in omnibus aisiammentis aliis infra uillam 7 extra uillam ei 7 heredibus suis qui de Halina filia mea exhibunt Habendum 7 tenendum de me 7 de heredibus meis in feudo 7 hereditate libere 7 quiete . solute 7 integre reddendo annuatim illi 7 heredes sui michi 7 heredibus meis ad festum sancti Botulfi unam libram communi pro omni seruicio . Ego uero 7 heredes mei warentizabimus (*sic*) eis 7 predictis heredibus suis predictam terram contra omnes homines inperpetuum . Hiis testibus . Henrico de Neuilla . Ernasio de Neuilla . Hugone de Neuilla filio eius . Gileberto de Tures . Willelmo de Turs (*sic*) . Gileberto de Lissingtona . Willelmo Budun . Roberto de Kelebi . Radufo (*sic*) de Braibof . Ricardo de Braibof filio eiusdem Radulfi .

Oval seal : lys, legend obliterated.

Endorsed : Riby 7 lxxxxii 7 scripta . [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 250 b, lxxxxii.]

## 534

**Ancient Deeds L. 3074.** Grant by Guy de la Valle to William son of Walthef his free man of a toft and three bovates in North Thoresby which William's father formerly held. (Henry II.)

. G. de la Valle omnibus quibus hoc scriptum innotuerit salutem . Omnibus inotescat (*sic*) tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Guido de la Valle dedi 7 concessi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Willelmo filio Walthef libero homini meo 7 heredibus suis unum toftum 7 tres bouatas terre in Toresbi quas pater suus tenuit cum omnibus pertinenciis infra uillam 7 extra uillam tenendas de me 7 de heredibus meis in feudo 7 hereditate libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice reddendo annuatim mihi uel heredibus meis decem solidos . scilicet quinque solidos ad festum sancti Botulfi 7 quinque ad festum sancti Michahelis (*sic*) pro omni seruicio 7 exaccione saluo forinseco seruicio Hiis testibus Hamelino infante Hugone de Cheun' Willelmo de

Tureio Roald de Nauesbi Hugone de Toresbi Radulfo filio Radulfi de Fuclestau Roberto filio Annais Roberto Wlthef Henrico de Torp Randolf de Catebi Wigot de Besebi.

Seal: equestrian, legend obliterated.

Endorsed: ix. scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 446, ix.]

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**Ancient Deeds L. 2676.** Quitclaim by Thomas son of William Hacun to Walter Galle, for a mare worth three shillings and twelve pence, of William son of Ouchi of Saleby. (Henry II.)

Vniuersis tam futuris [quam presentibus Thomas filius Guillelmi Hacun:] salutem. Notum sit uobis quod ego Tomas [Guillelmum Stafflous quietum clamaui Gautero] Galle Guillelmum filium Ouchi de Salebi propter [equam tres solidos appreciatam 7 duodecim denario]s 7 contra omnes garantizabo [7 hii sunt idonei testes domina] Annes uxor mea. Eudo cap[ellanus Radulfus camerarius 7] Willelmus dispensator Alanus [de Malbertor Wigeloc de] Maltebi. Paternoster de Mumbi [Unfrei cide de Alford. Toue] fox. de Salebi. 7 alii.<sup>1</sup>

Tag only for seal.

No early endorsement.

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**Ancient Deeds L. 2842.<sup>2</sup>** Final concord made before Gikel the steward and the soke of Gayton between Alan the clerk of Saltfleetby and Walter Galle, by which Alan quitclaimed two crofts in Saltfleetby to Walter, and released him from every claim at issue between them for four marks and the quitclaim of the land which Alan's father had given in pledge to Walter for thirty-five shillings. Each party has released the other from every claim at issue between them up to the day of concord. (1183.)

C I R O . . . .<sup>3</sup>

Hec est fina[lis concordia facta in soca de Gaitun] coram Gikello filio Alani tunc temporis [senescallo 7 coram soca Gaitune anno ab incar]nacione domini. M. C. octogesimo [tercio inter Alanum clericum de Salfleteby et Walterum] Galle. scilicet quod predictus

<sup>1</sup> This charter is only a fragment; words within brackets are supplied from the copy in D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 336. It is also very ill drafted, but becomes intelligible if *Guillelmum filium Ouchi* is taken in apposition to *Guillelmum Stafflous*.

<sup>2</sup> The centre of this indenture has perished from top to bottom. Words printed within brackets are derived from the fifteenth-century copy in D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 374.

<sup>3</sup> Indented and inverted.

Alanus quitos (*sic*) [clamauit predicto Waltero duos croftos circa ecclesiam] sancti Clementis . & quicquid infra ipsos con[tinetur sibi 7 heredibus suis quitos (*sic*) eo 7 heredibus suis . Istorum croftorum longitudo extenditur a Mare[dic usque ad Neudic . latitudo a terra Roberti filii M]ole usque ad terram Reginaldi filii Grimkelli . Predictus [uero Alanus quitum (*sic*) clamauit prefatum Walterum 7 suos ab omni] calumpnia que uersabatur inter ipsos usque ad illum diem conc[ordie pro quatuor marcis quas ei dedit 7 pro quitac]lamacione (*sic*) de terra quam pater A]lani Waltero inuadiauerat pro xxxv solidis [7 uterque alterum quitum (*sic*) clamauit ab omni calumpnia que uersabatur inter ipsos] usque ad illum diem . His testibus Ricardo de [Haltun Roberto de Oteby Willelmo filio Roberti Haraldo fratre suo] Ricardo fratre eorum . Ranulfo filio [Thoraldyn (*sic*) Adam 7 Gibbe filiis suis Roberto filio Gileberti de Manneby Roberto] filio Ricard . Augrim filio . Mole . 7 filio eius . Roberto filio [Mole 7 filio eius Willelmo filio Junguin 7 filio eius Al]ain filio Thorold de Aistrebi . 7 filio eius .

No seal.

No early endorsement.

## 537

**Ancient Deeds L. 2533.** Grant by Wigot son of Asger to Walter Galle of two *perticatae* comprising an acre and a half of land in Saltfleetby. (Late Henry II.)

Sciant presentes & futuri quod ego Wigotus filius Asgeri dedi 7 concessi & hac karta mea confirmaui Waltero Galle & heredibus suis duas perticatas in latitudine in Thrnaholm (*sic*) in Wardifdeila in est parte in histis (*sic*) duabus perticatis continetur acra & dimi (*sic*) de terra . longitudo extenditur ab Acke usque ad Middelgate in Thyrnaholm Hanc terram predictam tenebunt Walterus Gal (*sic*) 7 heredes eius de me 7 heredibus meis liberam 7 quietam in feudo & hereditate reddendo annuatim ad firmam duos denarios 7 obolum pro omnibus seruitiis . scilicet unum obulum (*sic*) ad natale domini . unum obulum ad pascha . unum obulum ad festum sancti Botulfi . 7 unum denarium ad festum sancti Michaelis . His testibus<sup>1</sup> Rodger filius Thorold de Mannebi 7 filius eius Gilebert 7 Robert filius Gilebert Robert filius Rikard . Robert filius Hodi . Robert filius Mole 7 filii eius Williemus (*sic*) 7 Iohannes . Gilebert filius Aschel Robert filius Gotcelin . Iohannes filius Walteri.

Oval seal : lys. +SGILLVM V . . GOTI FILII ASGERI.

Endorsed : (1) Contra Wigotum filium Asgeri (circa 1200). (2) viii. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 303 b, viii.]

<sup>1</sup> The names of the witnesses are consistently in the nominative case.



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**Ancient Deeds L. S. 286.** Agreement between Geoffrey of Keddington and Walter Galle his man touching Hemming Sprenting's half bovat in Saltfleetby, which Walter deraigned against Geoffrey when Walter of Grimsby was sheriff of Lincoln. Geoffrey has quitclaimed to Walter all the rent which he owed him for that half bovat, and Walter will acquit two-thirds of the half bovat and Geoffrey one-third from all forinsec service until Geoffrey shall deliver to Walter the remaining third part which Gamel of Saltfleetby holds. (Henry II, after 1175.)

C I R O G R A F V M<sup>1</sup>

Hec est conuentio inter Galfridum de Kedingtune ⁊ Walterum Galle hominem suum de dimidia bouata terre in Saltfletebi que fuit Heming Sprenting ⁊ quam predictus Walterus Galle disrationauit uersus predictum Galfridum per preceptum regis quando Walterus de Grimesbi fuit uicecomes *Lincolnie*. scilicet. quod Galfridus quitam (*sic*) clammauit Waltero Galle totam firmam quam debuit ei. silicet (*sic*).vi. solidos annuatim pro predicta dimidia bouata. ⁊ de omni foraneo seruitio quod ad terram illam pertinet adquietabit Walterus Galle duas partes predictae dimidie bouatae<sup>2</sup> (*sic*) ⁊ Galfridus terciam partem donec deliberet Waltero Galle totam terram quam Gamel de Saltfletebi tenet de illa dimidia bouata que est tercia pars predictae dimidie bouate. Hanc conuentionem warentizabit (*sic*) Galfridus ⁊ heredes sui Waltero Galle ⁊ heredibus suis. Huius conuentionis sunt. testes. Walterus filius Radulfi. Toma filius Willelmi. Ricardus de Wadingwurda. Brienus de Welletun. Alanus filius Toraldi. Walterus filius Ernis. Willelmus filius eius. Rabodus de Rudestain. Robertus de Oxecumbe. Willelmus Chewen.

Seal: equestrian. SIG . . . M GALFRID . . . CHEDIGT . .

Endorsed: ccxxv. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 349, ccxxv.]

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**Ancient Deeds L. S. 283.** Grant by Geoffrey of Keddington to Walter Galle of two-thirds of the half bovat which Hemming Sprenting held of Geoffrey in Saltfleetby, for the hundredth part of the service of a knight's fee. (Henry II.)

Sciunt omnes presentes ⁊ futuri quod ego Galfridus de Kedingtun consilio uxoris mee ⁊ heredum meorum dedi ⁊ concessi ⁊ hac mea

<sup>1</sup> Cut through in straight line.

<sup>2</sup> A dot is inserted under the final *ae*.

presenti carta confirmaui Waltero Galle de Salfletebi 7 heredibus suis pro humagio suo totas duas partes cum pertinenciis unius dimidie bouate terre in Salfletebi tam in hominibus quam in ceteris rebus scilicet illius dimidie bouate terre quam Hemming Sprenting tenuit de me in eadem uilla tenendas de me 7 de heredibus meis libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice faciendo mihi 7 heredibus meis centesimam partem seruicii feodi unius militis pro omni seruicio 7 exactione Has predictas duas partes predictae dimidie bouate terre ego predictus Galfridus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predicto Waltero Galle 7 heredibus suis contra omnes homines His testibus . Roberto filio Willelmi . Tocca sarneil . Stephano de Foterbi . Baldwino de Biford . Gosce de Brunna . Willelmo de Foxden . Alano de Burc . Roberto Galle . Ernaldo Galle . Gocelino Galle . Rogero palmero . Angero filio Wlmari . Elrico filio Leppe ;

Seal: equestrian. + SIGILLVM GAL . . . . . CHEDIGTVN.

Endorsed: (1) Contra Galfridum de Chedinctun (circa 1200). (2) ccxxii. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 348 b, ccxxii.]

## 540

**Ancient Deeds L. S. 285. Sale and quitclaim by Hemming and Robert sons of William Stawelaus and Quenild daughter of Hemming of Saltfleetby to Odo Galle of all the land which they held of him in Saltfleetby except the messuage of Hemming Sprenting their grandfather. (Late twelfth century.)**

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Hemming 7 Robertus filii Willelmi Stawelaus . 7 filii Quenilde filie Hemming de Salfletebi concessu 7 consilio heredum nostrorum . uendidimus 7 quitam (*sic*) clamauimus . 7 hac presenti carta nostra confirmauimus Odoni Galle de eadem uilla 7 heredibus suis totam terram quam tenuimus de eo in eadem uilla . exceptis .iiii.<sup>or</sup> acris 7 dimidia . in Apol apud west . scilicet mesagium quod fuit Hemming Sprenting aui nostri . Hanc vendicionem 7 quiteclamacionem (*sic*) 7 confirmacionem fecimus ego Hemming 7 Robertus frater meus assensu 7 consilio heredum nostrorum predicto Odoni 7 heredibus suis . pro .ii. marcis argenti quas dedit nobis . 7 pro .iiii.<sup>or</sup> acris predictis 7 dimidia de eodem feudo . quas predictus Odo quitasclamaui (*sic*) . 7 carta sua confirmauit nobis . 7 quibuscunque illas in religione assignauerimus . Huius carte sunt testes . Robertus filius Gileberti de Mannebi . Robertus filius Odonis de eadem uilla . Gocelinus Galle . Petrus filius eius . Robertus filius Willelmi de Summercotes . Robertus filius Mole . Thomas 7 Ricardus

fili Humfridi filii Walteri . Rogerus Maleherbe . Hugo Neucumen . Petrus Galle.

Two seals: (1) Device developed from lys. +SIGILL ROBTI FILII WILLELLMI. (2) Male figure standing armed with sword facing grotesque animal. +SIGILL HEMING FILII WILLELLMI.

Endorsed: (1) Contra Hemmich 7 Robertum Staflaus (circa 1200). (2) ccxxiii. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 349, ccxxiii.]

541

**Ancient Deeds L. S. 284.** Confirmation by Geoffrey of Keddington to Odo Galle of Saltfleetby of four acres and one perch of meadow which Odo holds of Accha Muding, Geoffrey's free man. (Late Henry II.)

Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus 7 futuris: Gaufridus de Kedingtuna salutem . Sciatis me consilio 7 concessione heredum meorum hac mea carta confirmasse Odoni Galle de Salfletebi 7 heredibus suis quatuor acras prati 7 unam perticatam . quas idem Odo tenet de Accha Muding libero homine meo . reddendo eidem Acche 7 heredibus suis octo denarios pro omnibus serviciis . Hiis testibus . Jordano de Brakenberg . Roberto filio Gilberti de Mannebi . Ricardo filio Roberti . Rogero de Esterbi . Willelmo de Karletuna . Adam de Grimolbi . Goscelino Galle . Roberto de Leckeburne.

Seal as appended to No. 539: legend obliterated.

Endorsed: (1) Carta Walteri de Kedinctunne (circa 1200). (2) ccxxiii. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 349, ccxxiii.]

542

**D. of L. Cart. Misc., vol. ii, p. 15.** Grant by Robert son of Thorald of Saltfleetby to Odo Galle of eight acres of meadow in Saltfleetby. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Robertus filius Thoraldi de Salfletebi consilio 7 assensu heredum meorum dedi 7 concessi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Odoni Galle 7 heredibus suis pro humagio suo 7 servicio . 7 pro duabus marcis argenti quas dedit mihi . totum pratum meum in Kiruedeile . scilicet octo acras cum fossis ad predictum pratum pertinentibus in illo loco . tenendum de me 7 heredibus meis . in feudo 7 hereditate . ita quod prefatus Odo 7 heredes sui reddent mihi 7 heredibus meis annuatim ad firmam xii. denarios .iii. denarios . ad festum sancti Hilarii .iii. denarios . ad clausum pascha .iii. denarios . ad festum sancti Johannis baptiste .iii. denarios . ad festum sancti Michaelis . Preterea sciendum est quod



prefatus Odo adquietabit tantum pro xii. denariis . suis : quantum ego Robertus adquietabo pro .xii. denariis . meis . Huius carte sunt testes . Rogerus filius Thoraldi . Robertus filius Gileberti . Robertus filius Odonis . Johannes filius Alani de Sumercotes . Robertus filius Willelmi . Willelmus 7 Andreas filii eius . Robertus filius Godrici . Robertus filius Mole . Gocelinus Galle . Gilebertus filius Aschel . Walterus filius Willelmi . Robertus Emelot . Walterus filius Heilrici . Walterus filius Ringuen . Johannes filius eius.

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : (1) Contra Robertum filium Toraldi (circa 1200). (2) ix. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 422, ix.]

## 543

**Ancient Deeds L. 2536.** Grant by Osbert son of Godive to Odo Galle of three acres of land less half a rood in Saltfleetby. (Circa 1200.)

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Osbertus filius Godiue concessu heredum meorum dedi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Odoni Galle 7 heredibus suis .iii. acras terre in angulo de north est in Apolcft (*sic*) iuxta aquam dimidia perticata minus . tenendas de abbate de Langunet libere 7 quiete in feodo 7 hereditate pro .iiii. denariis . 7 .i. quadrante annuatim ad firmas ad .iiii. terminos pro omnibus terrenis seruiciis . scilicet . unum . denarium . ad natale .i. denarium . ad pasca .i. denarium . ad festum sancti Botulfi .i. denarium . 7 quadrante (*sic*) ad festum sancti Micaelis . Ego Osbertus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predictam terram predicto Odoni 7 heredibus eius contra omnes homines . His testibus . Ada de Crim-molebi (*sic*) . Willelmo persona . Waltero filio Willelmi Ricardo filio Ade . Hugone nouo . Waltero filio Elrici . Jocelino Galle . Johanne filio eius.

Round seal : lys. + SIGILL . OSBERTI . F'GODIVE.

Endorsed : (1) Contra Osbertum filium Godiue (contemporary). (2) xi<sup>a</sup>. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 304, xi.]

## 544

**Ancient Deeds L. 2902.** Grant by Robert son of William of Keddington to Walter son of Aschetil of Louth of all the land which Acca held of Geoffrey of Keddington, Robert's lord, in Saltfleetby. (Henry II.)

Sciant omnes audientes litteras has quod ego Robertus filius Willelmi de Kedington consilio & concessione domini mei Gaufridi 7

heredum meorum concessi & dedi Waltero filio Aschetilli de Luda . totam terram quam Acca tenuit de eodem Gaufrido domino meo in Saltfletebi scilicet toftam quandam & decem acras prati 7 quicquid pertinet ad eandem toftam . liberam & quitam (*sic*) ab omni terreno seruicio 7 consuetudine tenendam de me 7 heredibus meis ipse 7 heredes sui . ita quod quandam libram piperis mihi persoluet 7 heredibus meis ad festum sancti Botulfi pro omnibus seruiciis . Sciendum autem quod si eandem terram siue pro anima sua siue alicui parentum suorum dare uoluerit 7 libere eam dabit saluo predicto seruicio meo . quod si eam uendere siue in uadimonium mittere uoluerit 7 mihi dimittet . si tantum dare uoluerit quantum aliquis alius dare uoluerit . Hus (*sic*) rei testes sunt Bodinus prior de Parco . Gillebertus de Luda . Thomas de Giseburc . Tuoldus de Tadewella . Gaufridus de Kedingtun . Radulfus Saches . . . Robertus filius Stephani . Iuo de Gocrintun (*sic*) . Robertus frater eius . Alexander de Luda . Johannes frater Jordani presbiteri . Alanus filius Thome presbiteri . Radulfus clericus de Grimesbi . Hacun de Malmertorp Walterus filius Ernisii .

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed : (1) Walteri filii Askilli de Luda . de terra quam tenet de Roberto filio Willelmi in Saltfletebia (contemporary). (2) Contra Robertum filium Willelmi de Khedintun (circa 1200). (3) ccccxviii. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 386 b, ccccxviii.]

545

**Ancient Deeds L. 2623.<sup>1</sup> Grant by Robert son of Walter son of Hanccetin of Louth to Odo Galle of Saltfleetby of four acres and half a perch of meadow in Saltfleetby. (Late twelfth century.)**

Sciant omnes legentes 7 audientes lit[teras has quod ego Robertus filius Walteri filius Hanccetin de Lud] consilio 7 assensu uxoris mee Julia[ne 7 heredum meorum concessi 7 dedi 7 hac mea presenti] carta confirmaui Odoni Galle de Salfle[teby 7 heredibus suis quatuor acras prati 7 dimidiam perticatam] in territorio de Salfletebi pro seruicio suo . [scilicet in Shwarkerdeile ad caput north tenendas] de me 7 de heredibus meis libere 7 quiete reddend[do annuatim michi 7 heredibus meis duodecim denarios pro] omnibus seruiciis 7 exactionibus ad duos terminos . ad pascha [sex denarios 7 ad festum sancti Micha]elis vi. denarios . 7 ego Robertus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus predicto Odoni 7 [heredibus suis pre]dictum pratum contra omnes homines 7 omnes feminas . His testibus . Ricardo filio Roberti de Sumercotes .

<sup>1</sup> Original much damaged. Words within brackets from D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 324, lxxxxviii.

Willelmo de Karletun . Jordano de Brakenberc . Roberto de Mannebi .  
Waltero Malherbe . Gilberto de la grene . Johanne filio Alani de  
Sumercotes . Waltero de Oxecumb.

Seal: device nearly obliterated. SIGILLV . . . . .

Endorsed: Contra . Robertum de Luda (contemporary).

## 546

**Ancient Deeds L. 2761.** Grant by Robert son of Wigot of Saltfleetby to Odo Galle of one acre of meadow in Saltfleetby. (Circa 1200.)

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Robertus filius Wigoti de Saltfletebi consilio 7 assensu heredum meorum dedi 7 concessi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Odoni Galle 7 heredibus suis unam acram prati in Apolcroft iuxta foueam del west uersus north caput sciliced (*sic*) illam que iacet inter prata que fuerunt Augrimi 7 Roberti filiorum Mole tenendam de me 7 de heredibus meis libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice reddendo annuatim mihi 7 heredibus meis tres quadrantes ad natale domini pro omnibus seruitiis 7 consuetudinibus 7 exactionibus ad terram pertinentibus . Hoc pratum prenomiatum ego prenomiatus Robertus 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus prenominato Hodoni Galle 7 heredibus suis contra omnes homines Hiis testibus . Roberto filio Gilberti de Mannebi . Willelmo filio Iohannis . Roberto Galle . Adam de Grimolebi . Willelmo persona . Iohanne Galle . Waltero de Oxecumb . Waltero filio Ailrici . Willelmo de.<sup>1</sup>

Seal: fantastic animal. + SIGILL ROBERTI FILII WIGOTTI.

Endorsed: (1) Contra Robertum filium Wigoti (circa 1200). (2) cclxvii. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 357, cclxvii.]

## 547

**Ancient Deeds L. 2746.** Grant by Jordan of Brackenborough to Odo Galle of nine acres one rood and a half of arable in Saltfleetby. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant presentes 7 futuri . quod ego Jurdanus de Brakenberge . dedi 7 concessi . 7 hac mea carta confirmaui . Odoni Galle . 7 heredibus suis . pro seruitio suo . nouem acras terre arabilis 7 unam perticatam 7 dimidiam in territorio de Salthfletebi . que iacent inter terram que fuit Walteri Galle 7 terram . que fuit Gilberti filii Alani .

<sup>1</sup> The *de* occurs at the end of a line, and the place-name which should follow is not given.



scilicet totum toftum 7 croftum . ubi Reginaldus filius Grimkelli obiit . tenendum sibi 7 heredibus suis . de me . 7 de heredibus meis . libere 7 quiete . in feudo 7 hereditate . reddendo inde annuatim mihi 7 heredibus meis nouem denarios tantum . scilicet . duos denarios ad natale domini . 7 duos denarios ad pasca . 7 duos denarios . ad natale sancti Johannis baptiste . 7 tres denarios ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omni seruitio . Et ego Jurdanus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus totam hanc predictam terram prenominato Odoni . 7 heredibus suis . contra omnes homines . Hiis testibus . Willelmo de Brakenberge fratre meo . Willelmo milite de Carletona . Roberto flore rose . Johanne de Somercotes . Andrea fratre suo . Willelmo de Mannebi . Waltero de Oxecumbe . Ada de Gri[mo]llebi . Hamelino de eadem uilla . Philippo filio Roberti de Saltefletebi . et aliis.

Oval seal : lys. + S IORDAN . . . . . ENBERGH.

Endorsed : cclii. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 354 b, cclii.]

548

**Ancient Deeds L. 2747. Grant by Jordan of Brackenborough to Odo Galle of the meadow in the marsh of Holme which Alfsi held of Jordan. (Late twelfth century.)**

Notum sit omnibus quod ego Jordanus de Brachenberche concessu heredum meorum dedi 7 concessi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Odoni Galle 7 heredibus suis totum pratum meum quod habui in marischo de Olme quod Alfsi tenuit de me in feudo 7 hereditate . tenendum de me 7 heredibus<sup>1</sup> meis pro seruicio suo libere 7 quiete pro una libra piperis mihi 7 heredibus reddenda ab eo 7 heredibus suis ad festum sancti Johannis babtiste pro omnibus terrenis seruiciis . Et ego Jordanus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus terram predictam predicto Odoni 7 heredibus suis contra omnes homines . His testibus . Roberto filio Gileberti de Mannebi . Willelmo filio Roberti . Roberto filio eius . Adam de Grimolbi . Roberto de Reithebi . Waltero filio Willelmi . Reginaldo filio Roberti . Gileberto filio Aschelli . Roberto filio Luce . Roberto filio Wigoti . Gileberto filio Stepi . Waltero filio Heilrici . Osberto fratre eius.

Large round seal : device and legend obliterated.

Endorsed : (1) Contra Jordanum de Brachenberche (contemporary).  
(2) ccliii. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 354 b, ccliii.]

In the same hand as No. 540.

<sup>1</sup> Between these points the charter is written in lighter ink.

## 549

**Ancient Deeds L. 2580.** Grant by Robert de Millay to Odo Galle of all the land which Torald Bunthing held of Roger, Robert's father, in Saltfleetby.<sup>1</sup> (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego Robertus de Milay consilio 7 assensu uxoris mee 7 heredum meorum dedi 7 concessi 7 presenti carta mea confirmaui Odoni Galle 7 heredibus suis totam terram quam Toraldus Bunthing tenuit de Rogerio patre meo in territorio de Saltfleetby . scilicet totam terram in qua predictus Toraldus manebat 7 protenditur se in longitudine de Apol usque ad pratum monachorum de Parco in Thaccroft . 7 in latitudine . del Maredic usque ad terram Godefridi Bunting . tenendam de me 7 de heredibus meis libere 7 quiete reddendo [michi] 7 heredibus meis annuatim unum denarium ad festum sancti Johannis baptiste pro omnibus seruiciis 7 exactionibus 7 consuetudinibus terre pertinentibus . excepto quod predictus Odo 7 heredes sui facient seruicium dominis feodi . scilicet quatuordecim denarios per annum ad .iiii.<sup>or</sup> terminos . ad natale . tres denarios 7 obolum . ad pascha . tres denarios 7 obolum . ad festum sancti Botulfi . tres denarios 7 obolum . ad festum sancti Michaelis tres denarios 7 obolum . Ego uero Robertus 7 heredes mei hanc predictam terram pro prenominato seruicio predicto [Odo]ni 7 heredibus suis contra omnes warantizabimus Hiis testibus . [Willelmo] de Carletona . Jordano de Brackenbergh . [Briano] filio Hamelini . Johanne filio Alani . . . sc . . . es . Hugone Neucumen Willelmo filio Johannis Adam filio Rannulfi . Petro Galle . Waltero de Oxecube (*sic*) . Waltero filio Willelmi Radulfo [craspays] Waltero filio Eilrici<sup>2</sup> Osberto fratre [eius] . Waltero filio [Roberti] de Mannebi . Andrea filio Hug[onis] Neucumen.

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed : (1) Contra Robertum de Millai (circa 1200). (2) lv. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 314 b, lv.]

## 550

**Ancient Deeds L. 3054.** Grant by Arnald Galle to Odo Galle his nephew of half an acre in the marsh of Holme where William Sitard dwelt. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Arnaldus Galle consensu 7 consilio Pupeline uxoris mee 7 heredum meorum dedi 7

<sup>1</sup> The surface of this charter is decayed. Words within brackets are supplied from the copy in D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 314 b.

<sup>2</sup> The Coucher reads *eiusdem*, but the letters *El . . ci* are certain. Walter son of Eilric and Osbert his brother are witnesses to several other charters in this series.

concessi 7 hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Hodoni Galle nepoti meo 7 heredibus suis dimidiam acram terre in marisco de Holmo ubi Willelmus Sitardus mansit cum omnibus pertinenciis tenendam de me 7 heredibus meis in feudo 7 hereditate libere 7 quiete reddendo mihi 7 heredibus meis unum denarium ad festum sancti Botulfi pro omnibus seruiciis que ad me pertinent . Hanc predictam terram warantizabo ei 7 heredibus suis contra omnes homines . His testibus . Roberto filio Mole 7 Willelmo 7 Filippo filiis suis . Augrimmo filio Mole 7 Andreo (*sic*) filio suo . Roberto 7 Waltero 7 Hugone 7 Gileberto 7 Ricardo 7 Simone filiis Willelmi . Willelmo 7 Johanne clericis 7 Waltero fratre suo . Hugone de Hospicio 7 Nicolao filio suo.

Seal : apparently cow. . . . . ILLVM ARNALDI . . . .

Endorsed : xliiii. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 430 b, xliiii.]

551

**Ancient Deeds L. 2719.** Sale and quitclaim by John and Alan sons of Arnald Galle, with the assent of their mother Pupelina and of Alice, Alice, and Geva their sisters, to Odo Galle of eighteen acres in Saltfleetby. (Late twelfth century.)

Sciant presentes [7 futuri quod] ego Johannes 7 ego Alanus filii Arnaldi Galle consilio 7 assensu matris nostre Pupeline 7 sororum nostrarum Aliz 7 Aliz 7 Geue uendidimus 7 quitam (*sic*) clamauiumus de nobis 7 de heredibus nostris Odoni Galle 7 heredibus suis totam terram que fuit patris nostri in Saltfletebi . scilicet quam Robertus filius Acke tenuit de patre nostro in illo loco in quo ipse Robertus manebat . scilicet [de]cem 7 octo acras pro tribus marcis quas predictus Odo dedit nobis . reddendo singulis annis ad firmam domni abbatis de Langhenet quinque solidos 7 duos denarios ad quatuor terminos pro omnibus seruiciis 7 consuetudinibus 7 exactionibus ad terram spectan[tibus] . scilicet ad natale .xv. denarios 7 obulum . ad pascha .xv. denarios 7 obulum . ad festum sancti Botulfi .xv. denarios 7 obulum . ad festum sancti Michaelis .xv. denarios 7 obulum Hanc uero prenominatam terram nos predicti Johannes 7 Alanus 7 heredes nostri warantizabimus predicto Odoni 7 heredibus suis contra omnes homines . Hiis testibus . Jordano de Brackenberg . Roberto filio Gileberti . Briano filio Hamelini . Johanne de Sumercotes . Willelmo ad monasterium . Ricardo filio Azonis . Adam filio Ranulfi . Roberto de Marisco . Roberto Vauasur . Hugone Neucumen . Waltero filio Auine Waltero nepote Odonis . Osberto filio Eilrici.

Four seals and tag for fifth. (1) Lys. +SIGILL IOHANIS F. ARNALDI. (2) Bird. +SIGILLVM . PVPELINE . F . . . . .



(3) Device developed from lys. +SIGILL ALICE F ARNALDI. (4) Ornament of five points. +SIGILL . GENEVEVE . F' ARNALD

Endorsed: (1) Contra feminam Arnaldi Galle . 7 omnes infantes suos (circa 1200). (2) ccxxi. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 348 b, ccxxi.]

## 552

**Ancient Deeds L. 163.** Re-grant by G.<sup>1</sup> the abbot and the convent of St. Sever to Roger de Nova Villa of seven acres in the meadows of Scupholme. (Henry II.)

Sciant presentes 7 futuri quod ego . G. dictus abbas sancti Seueri totusque eiusdem loci conuentus concessimus Rogero de Noua Villa 7 suis heredibus .vii. acras prati . quas ipse prius de nobis tenuerat scilicet in pratis de Escopholme . de cultura de Hecham . Ipse autem et heredes sui pro predicto prato reddent annuatim ecclesie nostre .ii. solidos . scilicet xii denarios<sup>2</sup> ad pascha . 7 xii. ad festum sancti Botulfi . 7 ut hec pactio rata 7 inconcussa permaneat . presentem cartam sigillorum nostrorum munimine roborauimus . Testibus . his . Aluredo de Soligni . Foloo (*sic*) Ribaut . Roberto filio eius . Willelmo Ribaut . Thoma de Farefort Gaufrido de Torp . Ricardo monacho . Johanne monacho . Rualen de Uein.

Tags for two seals.

No early endorsement.

## 553

**Ancient Deeds L. 3206.** Grant by William son of Robert to William de Sais of Edric of Scupholme's land and of William son of Godric of Somercotes, William's son-in-law, with his land and service. (Late Henry II.)

Notum sit omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris . quod ego Willelmus filius Roberti concessione 7 assensu heredum meorum dedi 7 concessi 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmaui Willelmo de Sais 7 heredibus suis pro humagio suo 7 seruicio totam terram que fuit Edrici de Scupeholm cum tofto 7 crofto 7 pratis 7 pasturis 7 omnibus pertinenciis . 7 Willelmum filium Godrici generum meum de Sumerchotes cum terra sua 7 seruitio suo . scilicet sex solidos per annum . tenendam de me 7 heredibus meis libere 7 quiete 7 hereditarie . reddendo inde annuatim mihi 7 heredibus meis unam libram cimini ad festum sancti Johannis baptiste . pro omni seruicio ad

<sup>1</sup> Probably the Godfrey abbot of St. Sever who attests a charter of 1174 abstracted by Round, *Calendar of Documents preserved in France*, No. 432.

<sup>2</sup> This word is expressed by a ð, which is a later insertion into the text.

terram illam pertinente saluo forensi . His testibus Willelmo filio Amfridi . Ricardo filio Roberti . Waltero filio Roberti . Jordano de Bracenberhe . Roberto de Mannebi . Radulfo de Sais . Roberto Ribalt . Gileberto filio Willelmi . Johanne clerico Ricardo de Maltebi . Roberto de Sais . Johanne de Sais . 7 plures.

Slits only for seal tag.

Endorsed : cxlvii scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 474 b, cxlvii.]

554

**D. of L. Cart. Misc., vol. ii, p. 75. Grant by Boniva daughter of Basing of Blaikemare to Odo Galle of six and a half acres of arable and meadow in Skidbrooke. (Circa 1200.)**

Sciant omnes presentes 7 futuri quod ego Boniua filia Basing de Blaikemare de Sckitebroc dedi 7 concessi 7 hac mea presenti carta confirmaui Odoni Galle de Salfletebi 7 heredibus suis .vi. acras terre 7 dimidiam in territorio de Sckitebroc scilicet .ii. acras prati excepta dimidia perticata ex nort parte Brothercroft 7 in Blaikemare .ii. acras terre arabilis excepta dimidia perticata 7 in Haicolecroft .i. acram 7 .i. perticatam 7 in Haldecroft .iii. dimidias acras Has uero predictas terras tenebit predictus Odo Galle 7 heredes sui de me 7 de heredibus meis in feodo 7 hereditate libere 7 quiete 7 honorifice reddendo annuatim mihi 7 heredibus meis ad .iiii. terminos .viii. denarios 7 .iii. quadrantes pro omnibus terrenis seruiciis 7 consuetudinibus ad terram pertinentibus scilicet ad Natale .ii. denarios . ad pasca .ii. denarios . ad festum sancti Botulfi .ii. denarios . ad festum sancti Michaelis .ii. denarios 7 .iii. quadrantes Has prenomintas terras ego predicta Boniua 7 heredes mei warrantizabimus predicto Odoni Galle 7 heredibus suis contra omnes homines ; His testibus . Roberto filio Giberti (*sic*) de Mannebi . Rogero de Mannebi . Willelmo persona de Salfletebi . Roberto de maresco . Radulfo filio Ernisi . Adam de Grimolbi . Johanne filio Alani . Alano filio Radulfi . Willelmo filio Daud . Alano 7 Andrea fratribus eius . Willelmo filio Johannis de Mannebi ;

Slit only for seal tag.

Endorsed : (1) Contra Boniuam (circa 1200). (2) cxx. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 410 b, cxx.]

555

**Ancient Deeds L. 3211. Grant by Gilbert son of Magnus of Somercotes to Boniva daughter of Ralf of Somercotes of land in Skidbrooke. (Late twelfth century.)**

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Gilebertus filius Magnus (*sic*) de Sumercoates [consilio] 7 assensu heredum meorum dedi 7

concessi . 7 hac mea carta confirmaui . Boniue filie Ranulfi de Sumer-  
cotes . 7 heredibus suis totam terram meam . que iacet inter terram  
Ranulfi filii Basing 7 terram Iohannis filii Alani . in Scitebroc . apud  
Meles . reddendo mihi 7 heredibus meis annuatim .i. obulum . ad  
festum sancti Michaelis . pro omni seruicio 7 exactione pro xij. de-  
nariis . quos prenominata Boniue . dedit michi . 7 sciendum quod ego  
Gilebertus 7 heredes mei warantizabimus prenominatam terram . pre-  
nominate Boniue . 7 heredibus suis contra omnes homines . Hiis  
testibus Iohannes<sup>1</sup> filius Alani Gilebertus filius Asceri . Ricardus  
frater eius . Toraldus filius Asceri Adam nepos eius . Godricus filius  
Ranulfi . Dauid filius [Saxe].

Seal: lys. + SIGILLVM . . . . .

Endorsed: Skitbrok xxxvi. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 394, xxxvi.]

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**Ancient Deeds L. 3227. Grant and quitclaim by Fulk son of Henry Quenci of the bail of Lincoln to William of Clayworth of a booth in Lincoln. (Henry II.) .**

Uniuersis fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit: Fulco  
filius Henrici [Quenci *de bal*]lio *Lincolnie* salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra quod ego consensu 7 assensu Ali[cie filie] mée 7 heredum meorum concessi 7 quietam clamaui 7 hac mea presenti carta [confir]maui Willelmo de Clawardia 7 heredibus suis meam seoldam [quam habui in burgo] iuxta portam uersus ciuitatem que sita est ad orientem *proxima* [predicte] porte excepta una pro .xx. solidis 7 uno talento de recognitione quos ipse Willelmus [in predicta] seolda mihi dedit . Ita quod ipse Willelmus predictus prenominatam seoldam tenebit [in feodo 7] hereditate libere 7 quiete reddendo inde annuatim pro omni seruicio constabulario castelli *Lincolnie* duos solidos ad duos terminos per annum . scilicet ad [pascha .xii.] denarios 7 ad festum sancti Michaelis alios .xii. denarios . His testibus . Ricardo Pipard . Willelmo filio Petri . Gileberto Hurel . Gileberto Loremario . Roberto fratre Jordani . Auti Wegh . Guhero filio eius . Rogero scriba . Bernardo Loremario . Willelmo de Keleiseia . Willelmo de Welltona . Willelmo ianitore [7] multis aliis.<sup>1</sup>

Tag only for seal.

Endorsed: .xxiii. scripta. [D. of L. Misc. Books, ii. 481, xxiii.]

<sup>1</sup> Whenever in this charter the termination of a witness's name is certain it is in the nominative.

<sup>2</sup> There are holes in this charter. Words inserted in brackets are derived from the copy in the Great Coucher, but the original was evidently mutilated before this copy was made. Conjectural letters are given in italic.



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Ashby Magna	Harborough, Market	Soar, the river
Barkston	Harby	Somerby
Barwell	Hinckley	Sproxton
Belgrave	Hoby	Stanton, Stoney
Belvoir	Hoton	Stockerston
Bitteswell	Ibstock	Swinford
Blaby	Kibworth Beauchamp	Sysonby
Blackwell	Kirby Bellars	Theddingworth
Bosworth, Husbands	Knossington	Thingou
Bottesford	Langley Priory	Thorpe
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Brentingby	Leicester	Thrussington
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Burton Lazars	Mardefield	Thurnby
Carlton	Muston	Tilton on the Hill
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Cranford	Newbold de Verdun	Twyford
Croft	Newton, Cold	Waltham on the Wolds
Croxton	Odstone	Walton on the Wolds
Dadlington	Owston	Whatton, Long
Dalby	Prestwold	Whetstone
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Diseworth	Rothley	Wilson
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| Aby                             | Billingborough                | Canwick                 |
| Acle                            | Billinghay                    | Careby                  |
| Acreholes                       | Binbrook                      | Carr Dyke               |
| Addlecroft                      | Biscathorpe                   | Casewick                |
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| Ailby                           | Blaikemare                    | Cawthorpe, Little       |
| Ainreker                        | Blankney                      | Caythorpe               |
| Aisby [in Corringham]           | Bleasby                       | Claxby by Normanby      |
| Aisby [in Haydour]              | Blyborough                    | Claxby Pluckacre        |
| Aisthorpe                       | Bolingbroke                   | Claypole                |
| Alford                          | Bonby                         | Claythorpe              |
| Alkborough                      | Bonthorpe                     | Clixby                  |
| Alvingham                       | Boothby                       | Cockerington            |
| Ancaster                        | Boothby Pagnell               | Colsterworth            |
| Ancholme                        | Boston                        | Coningsby               |
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| Apol                            | Bourne                        | Corringham              |
| Appleby                         | Bracken, the wood             | Cotes                   |
| Asgarby                         | Brackenborough                | Cotes [in Blankney]     |
| Ashby                           | Bradecroft                    | Cotes by Stow           |
| Ashby de la Laund               | Brademera                     | Cotham, Nun             |
| Ashby Puerorum                  | Bradley                       | Covenham                |
| Aslackby                        | Brakenhille                   | Crakewhet               |
| Asserby                         | Brakenholm                    | Crica                   |
| Asterby                         | Branston                      | Croshage                |
| Aubourn                         | Branzthoft                    | Crowland                |
| Audby                           | Bratoft                       | Crowle                  |
| Authorpe                        | Brattleby                     | Croxby                  |
| Aveland                         | Briggeholm                    | Croxton                 |
| Axholme, Isle of                | Brinkhill                     | Cumberworth             |
| Aylesby                         | Brocklesby                    | Cuxwold                 |
| Bain, the river                 | Brotland                      | Dalby                   |
| Bardney                         | Broughton [by Brigg]          | Darwood                 |
| Barkwith, East                  | Buckland                      | Deeping, Market         |
| Barkwith, East and West         | Bucknall                      | Deeping St. James       |
| Barlings                        | Bulby                         | Denton                  |
| Barnetby le Wold                | Bullington                    | Derwenhil               |
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| Barton on Humber                | Burgh le Marsh                | Donington on Bain       |
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| Baumber                         | Burreth                       | Drihil                  |
| Beckering                       | Burwell                       | Dunham                  |
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| Beelsby                         | Butterwick, West              | Duvemilne               |
| Beesby in the Marsh             | Cabourn                       | Eagle                   |
| Belchford                       | Cadeby                        | Edenham                 |
| Belleau                         | Cadeby, South                 | Edlington               |
| Beltesholm                      | Cadney                        | Eisterlund              |
| Beltoft                         | Cadus . . uerhaga             | Elkington               |
| Belton [in the Isle of Axholme] | Cadwell                       | Elsham                  |
| Benington                       | Caistor                       | Enderby                 |
| Benington [in Hol-land]         | Calceby                       | Enderby, Mavis          |
| Benniworth                      | Calcewath                     | Epworth                 |
| Bicker                          | Candlesby                     | Eresby                  |
|                                 | Candlestone                   | Erlesholm               |
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|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Escheholt                    | Hagnaby             | Hungate                           |
| Evedon                       | Hagworthingham      | Huttoft                           |
| Ewerby                       | Haikergard          | Huerhaga                          |
| Ewerby Thorpe                | Hainton             | Hykeham                           |
| Faldingworth                 | Hakebriga           | Immingham                         |
| Farford                      | Hale, Great         | Ingham                            |
| Farlesthorne                 | Haleloda            | Ingleby                           |
| Fen                          | Hallington          | Ingoldsby                         |
| Fenton                       | Hallstead           | Irby on Humber                    |
| Ferriby, South               | Halltoft            | Irby in the Marsh                 |
| Fillingham                   | Halham on Bain      | Irford                            |
| Firsby, West                 | Halton              | Irtham                            |
| Fishtoft                     | Halton, East        | Johannisflot                      |
| Fleet                        | Halton Hologate     | Keal Cotes                        |
| Folkingham                   | Hamby               | Keal, East and West               |
| Fordington                   | Hameringham         | Keddington                        |
| Fossdyke, the                | Hannay              | Keelby                            |
| Fotherby                     | Hanworth, Cold      | Keisby                            |
| Frampton                     | Haraldegaga         | Kelby                             |
| Friesthorpe                  | Harchelcroft        | Kelfield                          |
| Frieston                     | Hardwick            | Kelsey                            |
| Frieston [in Cay-<br>thorpe] | Hareby              | Kelsey, North                     |
| Friskney                     | Hareholm            | Kelstern                          |
| Fulbeck                      | Harpwell            | Kesteven                          |
| Fulletby                     | Harrington          | Ketsby                            |
| Fulnetby                     | Harrowby            | Kexby                             |
| Fulsthorpe                   | Haugh               | Killingholme                      |
| Fulstow                      | Haugham             | Kinnard's Ferry                   |
| Gauthy                       | Haverholme          | Kirkby on Bain                    |
| Gayton le Wold               | Haverstoe           | Kirkby, East                      |
| Gedney                       | Hawthorpe           | Kirkby Green                      |
| Glentham                     | Haxey               | Kirkby Underwood                  |
| Glentworth                   | Haydour             | Kirkedale                         |
| Godwinewelles                | Haye                | Kirkstead                         |
| Gokewell                     | Healing             | Kirmington                        |
| Gonerby, Great               | Hemingby            | Kirmond le Mire                   |
| Gosedale                     | Hemswell            | Kirton in Lindsey                 |
| Goxhill                      | Hendale             | Kyme                              |
| Graby                        | Herieshah           | Laceby                            |
| Grainsby                     | Hibaldstow          | Langoe                            |
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| Grantham                     | Hogsthorpe          | Langton                           |
| Grasby                       | Holbeach            | Langton by Horncastle             |
| Greatford                    | Holland             | Langton by Wragby                 |
| Greenfield                   | Holm                | Langwath                          |
| Greetham                     | Holme Spinney       | Laughton                          |
| Greetwell                    | Holtham [in Legsby] | Laughton [near Folk-<br>ingham]   |
| Grif                         | Holton              | Laughton [near Gains-<br>borough] |
| Grimbald moor                | Holton le Clay      | Lavington                         |
| Grimblethorpe                | Honington           | Lawress                           |
| Grimoldby                    | Horbling            | Leadenham                         |
| Grimsby                      | Horkstow            | Leake                             |
| Gunby                        | Horncastle          | Leasingham                        |
| Gunby St. Peter              | Horsington          | Legbourne                         |
| Gunris                       | Howsham             | Legsby                            |
| Gunthorpe                    | Hudetorpe           | Limber, Great                     |
| Habrough                     | Hulehetoft          | Limber, Little                    |
| Haceby                       | Humber, the river   | Lindley                           |
| Hackthorn                    | Humberstone         | Lindsey                           |
| Haconby                      | Hundleby            |                                   |
|                              | Hundon              |                                   |



Linwood	Ormsby, South	Serafield
Lissington	Osbourneby	Scrane
Lit	Oseby	Scrane, Old
Londonthorpe	Osgodby	Scremby
Loufhaga	Otby	Scrivelsby
Lound	Owmbly [in Searby]	Scupholme
Lound, East	Owmbly by Spital	Scurvedale
Louth	Owston	Searby
Louthesk	Oxcombe	Sempringham
Louth Park	Panton	Sibsey
Ludford	Pittelbek, the stream	Siket
Lund	Pointon	Sinker
Lusby	Poolham	Sixle
Lutton	Pounat	Skegness
Mablethorpe	Presthage	Skendleby
Maltby in the Marsh	Quarrington	Skendleby Salter
Manby	Ragata	Skidbrooke
Manton	Rahaga	Skillington
Mardyke	Raithby by Louth	Skirbeck
Mareham	Raithby by Spilsby	Slatoft
Mareham le Fen	Ranby	Sleaford
Markby	Rand	Sloothby
Marston	Rasen	Smalena
Martin [near Horn- castle]	Reasby	Smithfield
Martin [in Timberland]	Redbourne	Snelland
Marton	Reston	Snitterby
Matteker	Revesby	Somerby [by Gran- tham]
Melton Ross	Ribby	Somercotes
Melwood	Riche	Somersby
Merscroft	Rigsby	Sotby
Messingham	Ringsstone	Southorpe
Miningsby	Rippingale	Spalding
Minting	Riseholme	Spanby
Minting Park	Rodemilne	Spilsby
Morton [by Bourne]	Ropsley	Spridlington
Motherwood	Rothwell	Springthorpe
Moulton	Roudmor	Stainholm
Muckton	Roughton	Stainsby
Mumby	Roxby	Stainton
Navenby	Rucholm	Stainton by Lang- worth
Nettleham	Ruckland	Stainton le Vale
Nettleton	Ruholm	Stamford
Neudyke	Ryland	Stapleford
Newball	Saleby	Steeping, Great
Newhouse	Salmonby	Steeping, Little
Newland [in Lincoln]	Salterhagh	Steinwelle
Newland, West	Saltfleetby	Stickford
Newton	Santon	Stickney
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Newton by Toft	Saxby [near Market Rasen]	Stoke
Newton le Wold	Saxedale	Strubby
Nocton	Saxilby	Sturton, Great
Normanby le Wold	Scamblesby	Sudbrook [in Ancaster]
Normanton	Scampton	Sudbrooke
Norton Disney	Scawby	Sunewith
Obthorpe	Scopwick	Sutton, Long
Orby	Scotter	Sutton le Marsh
Ormsby	Scottlethorpe	Swaby
Ormsby, Nun	Scotton	Swallow

Swaton	Toynton All Saints	Westlaby
Swayfield	Toynton St. Peter	Westmells
Swineshead	Trentsic, the stream	Whaplode
Swinhope	Troholm	Whitton
Swinthorpe	Trokenholt	Wickenby
Tathwell	Trusthorpe	Wildmore Fen
Tattershall	Tuafletes	Wildsworth
Tattershall Thorpe	Tumby	Wilksby
Tetford	Tunge	Willingham
Tetney	Tunstall	Willingthorp
Theddlethorpe	Tupholme	Willoughby, Scot
Thedolfbarnewde	Turfmar	Willoughby, West
Theuesti	Twyford [in Colster-	Willoughton
Thimbleby	worth]	Wilsford
Thingstede	Tydd St. Mary	Winceby
Thoresby, North	Tytton	Windesland
Thoresby, South	Uffington	Winteringham
Thoresthorpe	Ulceby [near Alford]	Winterton
Thoresway	Ulceby [by Barnetby]	Winthorpe
Thorganby	Upton	Wispington
Thorley	Vaudey	Witham, the river
Thornholme	Waddington	Witham on the Hill
Thornton Curtis	Waddingworth	Witham, North
Thornton by Horn-	Wainfleet	Withcall
castle	Walcot	Withetun
Thorpe	Walcot [by Folking-	Wold Newton
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Thorwde	Walesby	Woodhall
Threackingham	Walmsgate	Wootton
Thurlby [by Bourne]	Walsheroft	Wragby
Tidintun	Washingborough	Wranghemare
Timberland	Weitecroft	Wrawby
Tirnelhou	Welby	Wulfolm
Tocchecrof	Well	Wulfrikeland
Tochemar	Welland, the river	Wulvedale
Toft by Newton	Wellingore	Wyberton
Torrington	Welton	Wyham
Torrington, West	Welton le Marsh	Wykeham, East
Tothby	Welton le Wold	Wykeham, West
Towthorpe	Westby	Yarborough
Toynton	Westcothemersch	Yarburgh

## MIDDLESEX

London

Westminster

## NORFOLK

Castleacre  
Dereham, WestDocking  
NorwichThetford  
Tilney

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Castor  
Chacombe  
Clipston  
Daventry  
Easton Neston  
Ecton  
Elingham  
Flore  
HothorpeHoughton, Little  
Lilbourne  
Naseby  
Northampton  
Oxendon  
Peterborough  
Pipewell  
PlumptonQuinton  
Rothwell  
Rushden  
Stanford  
Sulby  
Watford  
Welford  
Wellingborough

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Aslackton	Harworth	Orston
Babworth	Haughton	Osmondthorpe
Balderton	Hockerton	Owthorpe
Ballidon	Holme	Plumtree
Barnby in the Willows	Hucknall	Rolleston
Bathley	Kelham	Rufford
Besthorpe	Keyworth	Scarle, South
Bevercotes	Kilvington	Shelford
Bingham	Kirklington	Sibthorpe
Blithe	Kirton	Southwell
Bothamsall	Kneesall	Staunton
Boughton	Laxton	Strattona
Bramcote	Leake	Sutton
Broadholme	Lindrick	Sutton [in Granby]
Calverton	Mansfield	Thorney
Carlton in Lindrick	Markham Clinton	Thorpe in the Glebe
Carlton, Little	Marnham	Tollerton
Caunton	Martin [in Harworth]	Tuxford
Claybrooke	Mattersey	Walesby
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Clipstone	Middlethorpe	Warsop
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Cotham	Morton [in Babworth]	Westholm
Cratley	Morton [in Fiskerton]	Willoughby [in Wal-
Cuckney	Muskham	esby]
Eakring	Muskham, North	Willoughby on the
Edingley	Muskham, South	Wolds
Elkesley	Newark	Winkburn
Finningley	Normanton	Wirenesfeld
Fiskerton	Nottingham	Wiverton
Girton	Ollerton	Worksop
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Cowley	Swalcliffe

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Casterton	Luffenham	Tickencote
Empingham	Lyndon	Wardley
Kelthorpe		

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Bristol	Keynsham

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Burton on Trent	Ivetsy Bank	Wheaton Aston

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Evesham  
Hodnel  
Kenilworth  
Nuneaton

Wappenbury  
Warwick  
Withybrook  
Wolverhill

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Calne

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Salisbury

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Worcester

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Cawton  
Cottingham  
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Drax  
Ecclesall  
Fountains  
Guisborough  
Hedon  
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Hessle  
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Hotham  
Laughton en le Mor-  
then  
Letwell  
Lissett  
Malton  
Markington  
Meaux  
Ottringham  
Pontefract  
Richmond  
Rievaulx

Ripon  
Rudstone  
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Avallon, Yonne  
Bayeux, Calvados  
Beauvais, Oise  
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Boulogne, Pas-de-Calais

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Caux, Seine-Inférieure  
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Coutances, Manche  
Craon, Mayenne  
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Douai, Nord  
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Guingamp, Côtes-du-Nord  
Langonet, Morbihan  
Lyre, Eure  
Mortain, Manche  
Normandy  
Poitou  
Pont-l'Évêque, Oise  
Provence

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Adintuna	Hamewich	Luefort	Sauketot
Aupegart'	Hamton	Mar	Setun
Autun	Hardestorp	Marna	Sidenhale
Bereford	Hattana	Merch	Sidenham
Biletun	Hatton	Merstun	Sotindona
Binham	Hauthor'	Middleton	Stantun
Biningtun	Hautuna	Morewic	Stoke
Bradfield	Hedenham	Neuham	Stratthweit
Bradford	Heitun	Newport	Strettona
Burch	Hemelinga	Newton	Sutton
Burgh	Henlintun	Niweham	Therendun
Burton	Heslington	Ogerstan	Thornton
Camerringtona	Hessore	Pellinges	Thorpe
Carlton	Hicham	Pilartona	Walstona
Carthorpe	Hihun	Preston	Waxtona
Claham	Hohtona	Pulle	Wdeleia
Clotona	Holme	Raimes	Welham
Croxton	Houtona	Rictona	Weston
Dahencurt	Houttebi	Rideford	Whatton
Duniction	Hwichiton	Ristona	Wichetona
Easton	Inglesham	Riveshalla	Wideb'
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